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# Police appeal over Irishman in gun chase

A YOUNG Irishman was being questioned at a London police station last night after guns were found in his Ford Cortina in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The car was stopped by a squad car in Wood Green after a high-speed chase through north London. A number of weapons were found inside, including two AK-47 Kalashnikov rifles, which were loaded and ready for use.

Last night, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch issued an urgent appeal for help in finding where the man was living. Com-mander George Churchill-Coleman, who is leading the hunt for the IRA active service units responsible for the bombings at Eltham and Wembley last week, said: "It is absolutely essential we find out where this man was living and quickly.'

Police also appealed for help in finding a red Peugeot 205, index number HIW 2221 "or similar" that was believed to have been following the Cortina when it was stopped. The registration number is

from Londonderry.

A vehicle matching that description, with a number one digit different, was found in the car park of the Pavilion public house in Shepherds Bush, west London, yesterday afternoon, and four men were questioned. However, no connection with the incident in north London had been established last night. On previous operations in main-

# Vandals on patrol

Some private guards patrol ling Britain's military bases have criminal records or have committed acts of vandalism while on duty, the Commons defence committee discloses today. Others are "so hope-less" they are afraid of the dark or too weak to lift a 

### Police 'crisis'

Battered by media criticism unsupported by ministers and hamstrung by financial cuts, Britain's police are facing a crisis, the Police Federation

### M1 verdict

The jury at the inquest on the 47 people who died when the British Midlands jet crashed on the M1 near Kegworth recorded a verdict of acciden-...... Page 3

# Comedian dies

MAX Wall, the comedian. whose 60-year career spanned music hall, radio, television and serious theatre, died yesterday aged 82 \_\_\_\_\_Page 3 Obituary, page 14

Scargill warning Mr Arthur Scargill said that industrial action might be necessary to protect 7,500 jobs that British Coal said are

### expected to be lost...... Page 6 Yeltsin's chance

Mr Boris Yeltsin's chances of being elected President of the Russian Federation improved dramatically yesterday after a 

# Shares rise

Overseas buying lifted share prices on the London stock market through the 2300 level in thin trading conditions

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Loaded Kalashnikovs in Cortina

By MARK SOUSTER



land Britain, the IRA has avoided using cars with Irish number plates.

The man driving the Cortina was last night being questioned at Paddington Green police station, having been detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He is aged between 18 and 20, 5ft 8ins tall, of stocky build, speaks with a soft Irish accent. He was wearing a white Irish World Cup T-shirt.

His V-registration Cortina, whose tax disc expired in December, had been bought for £500 in March from a north London address, where it had been parked with a "for sale" sign on display.

The police squad car stopped it in Lordship Lane, Wood Green, at 3am yesterday after it was seen being driven erratically, and officers found the guns on the back seat. The weapons were said to be loaded and ready for use and, according to one report, had only recently been dug up. Scotland Yard discounted reports that semtex explosive had also been recovered.

Scotland Yard refused to confirm a spate of conflicting reports about the incident yesterday. One witness spoke of at least two men in the vehicle with one having escaped over a fence. Another back-up vehicle.

Mr Costas Theodotou, who owns a kebab restaurant in Lordship Lane said that one of the two officers who stopped the Cortina found the rifles on the back seat. "He took a gun from the car, loaded a maga-zine, checked it and threw it back. He did this four times. I was a bit shocked." Mr Theodotou said he heard one officer ask his colleague if the weapon was real, to which he

replied, " yes". Mr Theodotu said he was certain the rifle was a Kalashnikov because it had a curved magazine.

Within minutes, a 250-yard area was cordoned off and members of the anti-terrorist branch examined the Cortina, which had stopped at an angle near the junction of Lordship Lane and Westbury Avenue. The boot and bonnet were inspected and the back seat and side panels from the doors removed. Forensic scientists examined the car for several hours before it was removed at about 9.30 am. Homes near by were evacuated because of fears of a possible bomb. They congregated at a public house

AK-47s were probably dug up from a cache outside London. If that were the case, it would suggest that the IRA had returned to the method it used in the late 1970s with mainland operations, avoiding storing weaponry in the capital. There were two important semtex finds in north London last year, one at Stoke Newington and another on Hampstead Heath.

until the all clear was given.

It is understood that the

There have been three IRA attacks on low-security military establishments this year. In the past 21 months, 12 soldiers have died in Irish republican mainland strikes and dozens more have been injured. Eleven servicemen were killed in the bombing last September of the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal, Kent, and a sergeant died in the Wembley explosion last

London connection, page 2 Photographs, page 22



The arrested man: Urgent

# UN to report on global warming

and sombre warning to the vestigate the warming of the world that global warming has world's atmopshere through begun will be issued from a the large-scale emission of meeting beginning today in a Surrey hotel. Seventy of the world's lead-

sembled in Englefield Green, Egham, to agree the final report of their 18-month investigation into the scientific reality of the greenhouse effect. When it is published on Friday it is likely to tell sceptical policy-makers that in the next 30 years the earth is likely to heat more quickly than ever in man's history.

The meteorologists are the members of Working Group One of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the body set up by the UN Environment Programme and the World Meteorological

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT THE United Nations' official Organization in 1988 to inindustrial gases.

The group, chaired by Dr John Houghton, chief execing meteorologists have ascal Office, has been assessing the science and bases its predictions on nine principal computer models of the global climate.

Although the scientists are keeping their final figures to themselves until Friday, an early draft of their report said: "Our best tools predict that ... by the year 2020 global mean temperatures will have risen 1.8C above the pre-industrial level, with a probable range between 1.3 and 2.5".

> Prince's vision, page 3 John Maddox, page 12

# Race report, page 44 David Miller, page 44 Home strait: Steinlager 2 running past the Needles yesterday with a flotilla of small boats to salute her win Nato declares Warsaw Pact dead

From Michael Evans, Defence correspondent, Brussels BRITAIN warned her Nato Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna proposed CFE cuts. But Nato clear here that there are cur-

partners yesterday against had been implemented by would have to feel very con-implementing dramatic Moscow, and that Soviet fident that the processes lead-one embracing all security and strategy for up to five years, despite unanimous agreement here that a military threat from the Warsaw Pact no longer existed.

A timetable for change in Alliance doctrine, proposed Planning Committee, was tied to two additional conditions that arms cuts proposed at the official gave 1995 as the date ance discussions on a post-Conventional Forces in for full implementation of Cold War Nato. It was made

changes in Alliance military forces had effectively withdrawn from Eastern Europe. Perhaps aware that Germans might not accept too

long a delay in cutting force levels in central Europe, British officials indicated that it might not be necessary to wait by Britain at Nato's Desence until all CFE cuts had been implemented and all Soviet troops had gone home. One terday set a marker for Alli-

ing to "a new world" were well Defence, said that there could be a delay in reaching a CFE

under way, the British sources Europe, on lines proposed by said. If these conditions were President Bush, and the secnot met, Nato would have to ond, which could take well think again. Mr Tom King, into next year to complete the Secretary of State for according to Britain, a military review by Nato's inter-national staff. They are considering practical difficulties of deploying smaller multinational forces in Germany and elsewhere in

The sails

that

beat the

world

By ALAN HAMILTON THOUSANDS of spectators, apparently including every Kiwi in Britain, packed the

quayside to applaud Stein-lager 2's win in the most thrilling finish to the Whit-

bread Round The World Yacht Race since it was first sailed in 1968. The 83ft ketch is the only boat in the event's history to have won the race

outright as well as all six

After 128 days' sailing and 32,932 nautical miles of ocean

from the Needles to the Horn

and back, Peter Blake and his

5-man crew sailed Steinlager

books at 5.23 pm on a brilliant

English spring day with their closest rival, Grant Dalton, a

fellow New Zealander on the

ketch Fisher & Paykei, only

two miles and less than 30

Competitors left Fort Laud-

erdale in Florida 17 days ago

on the last leg. In third place

last night was Merit, a surpris-

ingly successful entry from land-locked Switzerland, fol-

lowed by Rothmans, skip-

pered by Lawrie Smith, the

On Monday night the two

New Zealand leaders were

virtually neck and neck off

Land's End, but yesterday's

light headwind appeared to

Bournemouth Bay she rigged

equivalent of kicking in a car

turbo charger, and began to

open the gap, passing the Needles at more than 11 knots

and with a three-mile lead.

She passed Calshot Spit and

entered Southampton Water

with her rust-red spinnaker

In the sheltered water she

almost lost what little wind

there was, and finished at a

billowing in the light air.

first British boat home.

into the nautical record

ndividual legs.

# Labour taxation fight with Tories

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

than lose under Labour's tax proposals. Mr John Smith insisted yesterday as the Conservatives made the economy the main target of their his party's spending plans.

Mr Kinnock was among a During the past week live-weight prices to farmers have dropped by just over 2 p a lb, a decline of 4 per cent. "Farmers omy the main target of their summer offensive against the

locked in pre-election skirmishing, the tax controversy spilled over into the chamber with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accusing the Tories of being the "biggest taxers in history" and the Prime Minister issuing a warning that even people on medium incomes such as eating beef because of worries teachers and nurses would suffer under Labour's

proposais. The formulation of Mr Smith, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, was rather Letters, page 13 | more cautious than that of Mr

MORE people will gain rather Kinnock who had said that

number of Labour spokesmen who sought to blunt the Tory With Westminster suddenly attack by arguing that far from cutting taxes, the Prime Min-ister had "ratted" on her promise to reduce them as a proportion of national income by such measures as doubling value-added tax.

But Mrs Thatcher sought to sustain the momentum of her Government's counter-attack by highlighting its record of reducing income tax rates to the lowest levels since before the Second World War.

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the company, and organising the annual new job spec. As the chairman so aptly put it, it

was my pigeon: I had to get

Jersey was the ace up

my sleeve and I soon had everything fixed, including a few

'extras' with the chairman very much in mind.

### "It's your pigeon" said the chairman "Just get it right."

One was a clay pigeon shoot and out on the range I thought a little encouragement might not go amiss. Just as

he was about to call I had my chance: "Your pigeon chairman, I believe".

The right move at the

right time? Too early yet to tell, but the conference went well and the chairman is set on a

Jersey holiday next year. So, it would seem, I did get it right.

Send for details to: Conference Director Jursey Conference Bareau, Weighbridge, St. Helier, Jersey, C.L. Tel: 0534 78000.



# Edwina Currie ruffles feathers in Romania ber revolution, looked unruffled. "I am that food shortages in Romania had

'Mad cow'

disease

hits sales

of cattle

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

CATTLE sales have dropped

by 38 per cent in Britain as

farmers withhold their ani-

mals from market in anticipa-

tion of a fall in demand and

prices because of fears that

"mad cow" disease, bovine

could pass to humans through

"Farmers are making a

commercial judgement as to what they think the market

will bear and keeping their

animals at home until they see

how things are going," Mr Vic

Robertson, chief spokesman for the Meat and Livestock

The number of cattle

brought to markets around

Britain last Monday was 5,035, compared with 7,400 a

week ago before the upsurge of

publicity about the disease.

are obviously worried, and

market intelligence would have told them that demand

was likely to be low." Mr

The fall in cattle sales came

after opinion polls at the

weekend suggested that up to a quarter of adults had stopped

about mad cow disease. De-

spite these findings, retail

trade sources said yesterday

holding up fairly well.

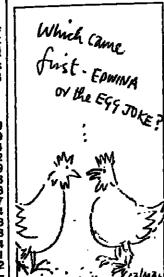
that consumer demand was

Robertson said.

Commission, said.

spongiform encephalopathy,

infected meat.



From Christopher Walker BUCHAREST

MRS EDWINA Currie, attired in bright red shoes and red polka dot dress, walked into a Balkan-style controversy yesterday as she praised the conduct of an election won by a crypto-communist landslide that opposition politicians have likened to the vote-rigging prac-

tised under Nicolae Ceausescu. "I could strangle that woman," declared Mr Bertie Way, British media adviser to the failed right-wing presidential candidate, Mr Ion Ratiu, as she brushed aside his invitation for a meeting, or viewing of a video cassette which he claimed showed details of strong-arm tactics and fraud by the triumphant National Salvation Front.

Mrs Currie, having spent 41 sleepless hours observing the poll in and around Timisoara, the birthplace of the Decem-

99.9 per cent certain that it was a darned good vote, and that the government was properly elected," she insisted.

Minutes earlier Mrs Currie, together with her Labour colleague, Mr Robert Wareing, the MP for Liverpool/West Derby, had effectively hijacked a press conference being given by 12 local government officers who were the official observer team dispatched by the British Government. After her late, uninvited arrival, few of them could get

As well as airing her strong and energetically researched views on the fairness of the poll - which were in

mainly been eliminated, and even told a Ceausescu egg story.

It was a virtuoso performance in show-stealing which left the British local government officials deprived of their moment of glory. Their own similarly controversial view that the election was conducted "in great fairness and freedom" was forgotten, as Romanian journalists and politicians queued to question Mrs Currie.

From Ireland, from Finland, from the United States as well, the questioners tried again and again to find a crack in her confidence that the election had been satisfactorily run and accurately reflected the views of the population. "You are asking us to prove the Continued on page 22, col 2

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direct contradiction to the strong criticism made earlier by a 34-strong delegation from the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights -Mrs Currie also informed her audience By MARK SOUSTER

THE Government was blamed last night for the poor standard of many private military establishments by invariably awarding contracts on the basis of cost not

The British Security Industry Association and the Transport and General Workers' Union said the Ministry of Defence placed too much emphasis on cost when awarding contracts at the expense of proper vetting.
Mr David Fletcher, chief

executive of the BSIA, said this meant that a "rag bag of second division security firms can end up guarding highly sensitive establishments with sub-standard personnel simply because they were the

The BSIA, which represents most of the United Kingdom's main security companies, imposes strict vetting and training requirements. It believes. as does Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, that there will always be a role for private security guards, of the appropriate calibre, at military installations to allow highly trained troops to be better deployed.

Mr Fletcher said he would welcome legislation which would bring into line those "rogue" security firms through the imposition of minimum standards of competence. The industry should also be regulated and greater access allowed to police criminal records but it is confronted by a Government ideologically opposed to the

Britain is virtually alone in Europe in that police did not check employees entering the guarding industry, he said. A Green Paper in 1979 recommended some form of regulation but Labour and the incoming Conservative administration advocated selfregulation, a philosophy and ideology which still existed.

The BSIA has its own screening system dating back 20 years, whereby exhaustive checks are made on an individual's background.

Mr Jack Dromey, who represents seven industrial unions at the ministry, said: "For seven years we have repeatedly warned ministers at the MoD that their obsession with what is cheapest threatens security and the lives of both service personnel and our members."

# Ministry Ex-criminals guarding **MoD** sites shock MPs

dark or are physically feeble, smashing of windows." according to the Commons defence committee.

The committee's muchappalling inventory of failings who favour contracts based on heard in the past 10 years, much lower pay rates than "That commercial security much lower pay rates than those paid to Ministry of Defence guards.

The cross-party committee demands: no more contracts to private firms for replacing MoD guards; stricter vetting of all guards; legislation to regulate commercial security firms; and thorough and regular reviews of existing contracts. By May 30 1992, the committee said, the MoD must assure Parliament that commercial guards are only employed at sites carrying no security risk or where replacement by an MoD guard force had been ruled out.

The investigation was launched in the wake of the terrorist homb attacks on the Royal Marine School of Music at Deal Kent, in which 11 bandsmen died, and the Inglis barracks at Mill Hill, north London, in which one soldier was killed. However, the report will carry extra weight with ministers faced with the increasing threat of a renewed IRA campaign this summer against "soft" defence targets on mainland Britain.

The Government's trend towards privatization and contracting-out cannot fail to dilute the MoD's responsibility for security, the MPs said. The "blue riband" security firms are not generally attracted to the defence contracts because of the low pay. The worst case unearthed

by the MPs was a defence denot in north London, where 19 private guards had been employed at an annual cost of months the company received numerous formal warnings of firms to criminal records. too few staff on duty, 100 high a turnover, staff not always a turnover, staff not always wearing the right uniform nor properly briefed. After receiving classified information the control of the contro

PRIVATE guard patrols at about that particular contract, Britain's military bases in the committee concluded: "To clude former criminals, com- cap this litany, there were on mit acts of vandalism while on more than one occasion cases duty or turn out to be hopeless of vandalism committed by because they are afraid of the the guards, including the

In spite of its bad record oing back to early 1988, the firm's contract was not leaked report today relates an stopped until February this year. The director of MoD security unfolded a horrifying by private security firms, security unfolded a horrifying which are being used as a cost-tale of inefficiency, idleness cutting exercise to guard 56 and absenteeism, the MPs defence sites. The blame is put added — one of the more squarely on defence ministers appalling reports they had

> guards should be unable to prevent occasional criminal damage on dispersed civilian regrettable. But that they should themselves indulge in an apparent spree of vandalism on a MoD site; that it should not even be an isolated occurrence, but one matched by employees of other companies at other MoD sites; and that MoD should not be able instantly to remove the security guards for lack of a alternative beggars belief."

Mr Bruce George, a Labour MP on the committee, said: "I have always said there will be an issue that will compel the Government to face the inevitable; that there must be a system of licensing for private security firms. History will say it was Deal that finally focused attention on the growing weakness of the British private security industry."

The MPs were also allowed access to the unpublished 1988 report on commercial security firms carried out by the Association of Chief Police Officers. They reported: "We cannot overlook the weight of evidence presented to us on the private security industry which demonstrates its inability to ensure that it does not employ proven criminals or those with criminal intentions.

Last night, Reliance Secnrity Services, which guarded the Deal site, called for a "more realistic approach" by £150,000. For more than 12 the MoD to rates of pay and access for private security



The artist Henry Mee with his new portrait of the Queen at Sotheby's yesterday

TERRORIST ARMS FIND

# A home-from-home for would-be IRA bombers

By DAVID SAPSTED

ONE week ago an IRA bomb exploded under an Army van outside a recruiting office in Wembley, prompting a senior Scotland Yard detective to say there were more safe houses for the Provos in north London than there were bedrooms at the Hilton Hotel.

His remark, made only half in jest, was being echoed yesterday after the apparently fortuitous arrest of one man in a car allegedly transporting automatic weapons through Wood Green, north London.

With its large and itinerant Irish population living in a maze of flats and rented houses, north London has long been acknowledged by the anti-terrorist squad as offering a home-from-home

for any would-be Republican all - the 150lb of Semtex and terrorist. It is regarded as an other terrorist paraphernalia "ideal" area where police are invariably regarded suspiciously, if not with the outright hostility demonstrated in the Broadwater Farm riots in 1985, and one which has seen some of the most significant IRA arms finds in recent unit using the flat.

Two such finds were made last year; in October more than 50lb of Semtex and bomb-making equipment were discovered by chance on Hampstead Heath and, in February, 22lb of the Czechmade explosive was found at a reservoir in Tottenham, less than a mile from the scene of yesterday's arrest.

The biggest arms cache of

Japan deal

sought for

Scots mill

THE Government may seek a

Japanese buyer for British

Steel's assets in Scotland if it

fails in its efforts to persuade

the company to reverse the

decision to close the

Ravenscraig strip mill (Philip

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scot-land, has embarked on efforts

to encourage British Steel to

change its mind over the closure plans, which pose an

immediate threat to 770 jobs

at Motherwell. He hopes that

the opposition of the Govern-

ment, unions and public opin-

ion to the plans will influence

the company to alter its

Mr Rifkind's contingency

plans to meet the situation if

Webster writes).

discovered in Clapham, south London, in December, 1988 led to the start of a trial at the Central Criminal Court earlier this month of two men from Wood Green who deny giving support to the Provisional

Apart from the Wembley blast, north London's most significant terrorist outrage in recent years was the bombing of the Inglis Barracks at Mill Hill - again close to the scene of yesterday's arrest - in August 1988. That explosion killed one soldier and injured nine others and the culprits have not been caught. This month's bombing at

Wembley, however, and the one two days earlier at the Army Education Directorate in Eltham, south London, are believed to have been carried out by a new breed of IRA terrorist, trained in the Republic and despatched to Britain and the Continent last summer. Security sources in Northern Ireland have been concerned for a long time that the IRA has been increasing recruitment in the Republic.

Republican youth organizations are monitored by British intelligence and the RUC's Special Branch, making it more difficult for the IRA to use "players" unknown to security forces. In the Republic police do not have the resources to maintain close

monitoring. Recent bombings are not believed to have been carried out by the unit responsible for last year's bombing at the Deal barracks, Kent, which killed 11 Royal Marine bandsmen; the unit is thought to be north London-based with a specific brief to hit "soft" military targets in the greater London

 An inquest was opened yesterday into the death of the soldier who died in the bomb blast of a mobile Army recruitment office in Wembiey last Wednesday.

Sergeant Charles Chapman, aged 34, of the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, who lived at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, died after the blast, for which the IRA claimed responsibility. Dr Rufus Crompton, a pathologist, gave the cause of death as multiple bomb blast injuries. The inquest was adjourned for three months.

"appropriate reception" for the Home Secretary.

of the barrage of criticism police believe they have received unfairly at the hands of an antagonistic media and the growing inadequacies of a

"Where, you may ask, is the counterblast of unqualified government?"

All too often, official expressions of support for and confidence in the police "are hedged with qualifications and delivered in still, small voices", Mr Eastwood said. The 125,000-strong federation passed a vote of no confidence in the Police Complaints Authority last year. Nothing in the past year suggested that the federation should change its mind, he added.

months or years for decisions on complaints while the public were persuaded of an elaborate conspiracy to protect police and the authority itself contributed to that view. Spending had been parred, leaving forces short of manpower and equipment.

come clean."

Mr Coyles also pointed to criticism of the police based on unproved allegations. Mo-

# Police under attack 'from every quarter'

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

media criticism, unsupported by ministers and hamstrung by financial cuts, Mr Alan Eastwood, chairman of the

annual conference yesterday. Mr Eastwood and other roundly attacked the Governwhat promises to be a stormy Waddington, Home Secretary. Before he arrives today, the cal decisions in terrorist cases. conference at Scarborough, North Yorkshire, is expected to meet in closed session to discuss a motion from Manthere should be any sort of

Speaker after speaker talked

judicial system.

Mr Eastwood told a conference dedicated this year to the theme of policing in crisis: 'I cannot recall a year like the last one. The service has been under attack from all sides. The media is after our blood." Cases might be old, allegations were unproven and the police side unheard but "the spate of accusations has been lumped together to suggest there is a deep-seated cancer of corruption", he said. If a lie were repeated enough times, it would be accepted.

support from the people who know the truth and are in the best position to cast lies back in the teeth of the accusers? Where is the forthright defence of the police service we are entitled to expect from

Policemen had to wait

His deputy, Mr Richard "British people are quite prepared to pay the price for a fully manned and efficient police service. The fault lies with those who pretend they are doing something and are not. They go on about law and order and all they are about talking about is saving money. We have got to tackle this Government and make them

raie was affected by the attacks and also the climate which now exists where just to hint

BRITAIN's police are facing at police bending rules or impending crisis, battered by gilding the lily brought acquittal.

Guilty men went free a hundred or a thousand times more often than those who Police Federation, told its were innocent were found guilty. The release by the Court of Appeal of three senior federation officials people convicted of trying to murder Mr Tom King, Secment's record on the eve of retary of State for Defence. amounted to a "public scanreception for the maiden dal", Mr Coyles said. It was speech by Mr David not only Belfast and Dublin dal", Mr Coyles said. It was courts which make nonsensi-

He criticized the Government's handling of a rent and rates review. Mr Coyles said it was clear what ministers chester officers on whether would do when working with a group unable to take industrial action. "From the Government, we have had weasal words of thanks and a massive kick in the teeth."

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# Waddington faces hostile reception

MR DAVID Waddington and his Cabinet colleagues must be watching the conference of the 125,000-member Police Federation in Scarborough this week with a sense of unease (Stewart Tendler writes). After Il years of Thatcher government, there is the risk of a public rift between the police and the traditional party of law and order.

Delegates have even talked of boycotting the Home Secretary's traditional speech to the conference today, and officials have openly contem-plated asking Mr Waddington not to attend because his presence may spark a hostile reception. The federation only represents the junior ranks, but there is no doubt some senior officers are equally disenchanted.

In 1980, things were different. The police were just beginning to enjoy the fruits of increased pay and better conditions in line with the report by Lord Davies.

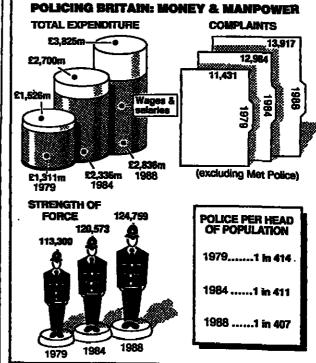
However, the 1980s have proved a tough test for the police. Lord Scarman's report on the Brixton troubles and the reforms of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act made new demands. Then the police became the shock troops of the Government's battle with the miners. The Government Authority and the Crown Prosecution Service and the police found themselves sharing their traditional roles with new organizations.

Recent decisions by, first Mr Douglas Hurd and then Mr Waddington on rent and rates allowances and the overturning of arbitration decisions have led police from the top to the bottom of the service to accuse the Home Office of reneging on Lord Davies. They fear they will also be the target of a government drive to trim public expenditure in the 1990s.

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### the closure goes ahead, how-ever, include the possibility of looking for an overseas buyer to keep the steel industry going in Scotland. If the closure plans proceed Mr Rifkind will consider asking the Scot-

tish Development Agency of-fice in Tokyo to help find a

potential buyer.

Bogus officials Two more cases of bogus health workers bluffing their way into homes to examine children were reported last night. In Enfield, north London, two men posing as police officers stripped a baby boy. In Swindon, a woman called at a house claiming she was conducting a survey into prematurely-born babies.

### Patents down

The level of innovation, as judged by the number of new patent applications to the Patent Office, fell last year. Figures released yesterday in the annual report by the office showed the number of new or drawing board ideas from individuals or companies fell 'slightly" to 29,369.

### Courtauld coup After 60 years, the Courtauld

Institute and its collection of paintings are to be reunited. in Somerset House in The Strand, On June 12, the Oueen Mother will formally open the Fine Rooms in Somerset House's north block, once the home of the Royal Academy. Arts, page 19 ian cauliflowers for the British

# Tasty greens steal the show

By RUTH GLEDHILL

delphiniums in a small corner basic character. "The Romanof the marquee at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday, rows of cauliflowers and broccoli proved to be one of the strongest crowd-pullers.

The modest green leaves sprouting from plain garden tubs hid exotic vegetables: housewives by the dozen stopped to examine the ornamental pyramid of the Romanesco cauliflower and the delicate pale heads of the Purple Sicilian broccoli.

Mr Andrew Gray, cauliflower breeder at the Institute of Horticultural Research, has developed and improved Ital-

esco is different from the ordinary white cauliflower. It is sweeter with a slightly nutty flavour," he said. "We are also improving spreading broccoli to make more uniform crops with larger spreads."

A housewife defeated some of the country's leading businesses and market gardeners to take one of the top prizes for her garden. Mrs Kate Chambers, of Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire, won a gold medal for her garden, "Green and Pleasant Land", which she first entered in a Women's

Institute competition.

OUTSHINING the roses and market without changing their title from the WI anthem, Jerusalem, was built around a Victorian folly by Bridgemere Garden World, of Nantwich, Cheshire, who transplanted the stock, including a 15-yearold oak, down the M1 in eight

Outdoor displays, page 14

CORRECTION The Lindisfarne monk illus-

trated in our report on May 19 of the National Garden Festival at Gateshead is part of the Northumberland County and District Councils garden, not of the Durham County Coun-The garden, which takes its | cil garden as stated.

**Prince** 

presents

vision

of world

in peril

By Alan Hamilton

ASSUMING the mantle of St

Benedict the farmer rather

than that of St Francis the bird

lover, the Prince of Wales tonight delivers to television

viewers his Messianic vision

of a fragile earth in peril,

scolding politicians and the Book of Genesis.

In an hour-long docu-mentary made for BBC1, the

Prince travels from the flow

country of northern Scotland.

through the money-making

temples of Hong Kong, skirt-

ing the newly unchained but filthy lands of eastern Europe,

to the rainforest of Indonesia

to deliver his essential mess-

age that capitalism and com-

munism are equally guilty of

raping the earth's resources in

pursuit of economic growth,

Doubtless aware that Mr

Chris Patten, Secretary of

State for the Environment, is

preparing an ecological White

Paper for publication in the

autumn, the Prince says there are still not enough politicians

in the West who give environmental questions the attention

they deserve. He does, how-

ever, interview one who does:

Senator Albert Gore, a US

democrat, tells the Prince that

the Third World pays far more

in debt interest to Western banks than all the aid money

thrown at it, which is rather

like giving a blood transfusion

from the sick to the healthy.

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# Lessons must be learnt, say M1 crash survivors

By HARVEY ELLIOIT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS and bereaved lights and pilot training; im- learnt," Mr Tombinson said. relatives of victims of the M1 proved survivability meaair disaster pleaded last night for action to implement a harnesses and/or aft facing range of safety measures on passenger seats; and closedairliners after the jury at the circuit television monitoring M1 crash inquest recorded a on aircraft to enable pilots to verdict of accidental death. see external damage and They joined Mr Philip

inherently limited scope and because the pilots were unable

to say why they had shut down

There were, however, he

said, several significant con-

tributory causes: defects in the

engine that inadequate testing

did not reveal; inadequate instrumentation in the Boeing

737-400; inadequate pilot training and checklists; and

"Lessons must be learnt

from this disaster," he said.
"Our deepest wish is that steps

be taken rapidly to prevent a recurrence. From the many

reforms that are required we

wish to highlight the need for

performing full flight tests on

all new types and series of

engines instead of relying on

ground tests alone; improved

fered £5,000 to everyone

involved to help them meet

any urgent financial needs but

not all took up the offer and a

special trust fund was set up

from voluntary donations;

which reached a total of more

than £300,000 but which has now been exhausted (Harvey

Lawyers representing the

bereaved advised them to file

limited damages, compared

with the maximum £80,000

A district court judge in

Louisiana threw out the claim

against Boeing and the engine

manufacturers, General Elec-

tric and Snecma, on the

grounds of "forum non conveniens", saying that Eng-

land would be a more conve-

nient place to hear the action.
"A key issue in these cases will

undoubtedly be whether the

crash was caused by pilot error

or a flaw in design or manufac-

British Midland, however.

party defendant in the United into effect.

could not be called as a third

ture," the judge said.

flights to Greece.

Elliott writes).

payable in Britain.

No compensation

yet for victims

the wrong engine.

pilot error.

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Tomlinson, the North Leicestershire Coroner, in He said that the relatives and survivors were distressed calling for lessons to be learnt by a similar recommendation after the 1985 Manchester air that might prevent any recurdisaster that had still not been rence of the disaster when 47 people died in the British Midland jet. Mr Donat Des-mond, aged 28, who lost his wife in the accident near implemented. "It could have prevented this crash," he said.
"In the interests of the travelling pubic it is vital that the Kegworth and was speaking Civil Aviation Authority and on behalf of the bereaved, said manufacturers act on this." that the inquest had only partially revealed why and how they died, because of its

He was speaking after quietly shaking hands with the aircraft's captain, Kevin Hunt, and First Officer David McClelland, at the end of the 10-day hearing. "I bear them no resentment. They are both human beings. They were working in a very technical environment with a huge workload. What happened to them could have happened to me," Mr Desmond, a post-graduate computer student from Northern Ireland, said.

The two pilots had sat at the back of the court to hear Mr Tomlinson outline his own list of eight safety recom-mendations which, he said, should be considered by safety authorities.

"When a tragedy such as Kegworth occurs the relatives of the deceased and indeed the public at large are entitled to expect that if there are lessons instrumentation warning to be learnt they are in fact so

the American interest

slight, the judge added.

come to court.

"I believe this is specifically so sures, including passenger seat when technology is playing an ever greater role in the flying process. A duty is placed on those responsible for air safety, on manufacturers and operators to heed lessons which are in fact learnt."

There must first be a full evaluation of the technical evidence by both the Air Accident Investigation Branch - whose full report is expected to be published in August or September — and the Civil Aviation Authority.

There were, however, a number of areas which should be considered, because they had been highlighted by the evidence received from the 41 witnesses who gave evidence during the hearing held at a country house near Lough-The relationship between

cockpit crew and the cabin crew and the conduct between them particularly during an emergency should be considered, he said. Consideration should also be given to the provision of externally located cameras and a closed-circuit television system to enable more of an aircraft to be seen from the flight deck, where there was now only minimal visibility.

He also called for warning lights on vibration indicators, both to draw the attention of the crew to them and to help them identify a particular engine with problems and a red indicated area on those instruments. Consideration, he said, should be given to the testing of new engines and variants of existing engines and the desirability of testing them in actual flying con-

New instruments and systems should become part of the training process of pilots SIXTEEN months after the States and this helped to weigh particularly where they re-M! air crash the survivors and in favour of a dismissal of the place instruments which have bereaved have still not re- claim. "The UK is an adefallen into disrepute or which ceived any compensation. quate forum because there is immediately after the accident, British Midland of be deprived of any remedy or are often ignored by pilots. The relationship between the be deprived of any remedy or treated unfairly," he said, even though he admitted that instruments and the gauges themselves should also be looked at. the potential damage awards

Mr Tomlinson said all could be smaller. None of the survivability aspects of the crash should also be studied and evaluated. "I am sure plaintiffs were citizens of the United States and therefore there are lessons to be learnt from the Kegworth tragedy. They should be properly and promptly evaluated."

An appeal is now being heard and the group of 45 relatives of victims of the The inquest clearly leaves crash and 76 survivors them- many unanswered questions, for compensation in the selves who joined in the action united States where they could technically receive unbe decided in America, even that even when the AAIB though lawyers agree that it report is published that will be could take years for the case to fully resolved.

The report, which is certain Meanwhile, no action has to contain many of the recombeen started against British mendations outlined by both Midland in Britain although the coroner and the survivors, many of the survivors claim however, will open up a wide that they are living "in pen-ranging debate among airlines ury" because they have been and aircraft manufacturers unable to work since the over the increasing use of accident. The victims claim, "glass cockpit" instrument however, that money is not displays, the need for their main object for the confidentiality in the "black moment and that they first box" voice recordings from want to establish the precise the cockpit, and even the cause of the crash and see the growing use of two-man crews recommendations for pre- operating on twin-engined airventing a similar incident put craft over long distances over







Aspects of Max Wall: Reviving Professor Walloffski for television in 1975 and in Krapp's Last Tape at Greenwich in the same year (top); the young music hall star of the 1920s, the wide boy in London Lights for BBC Television in 1979, and as himself at the Vandeville Theatre in 1979

# Farewell, king of silly walks

"Max was a melancholy type

Charlie Chester, another

comedian from the variety

tradition who graduated to radio and television, said: "He

always blamed his mother for

not giving him the right education to be an officer in

the RAF. But he was one of

the last great music hall

Although Peter Goodwright

had had an impersonation of

Max Wall in his act for years.

he met him for the first time

only six weeks ago at the memorial show for Tommy

Trinder. "He told me, 'You

are the only person who has

been able to impersonate me

properly. Many people have

tried but they are not as good

as you. I tell you what: you can

have my voice for nothing when I snuff it'."

comics.

MAX Wall, the music hall star than optimistic," he said. who survived the demise of variety to find a new career in of comedian, more depressive serious drama and television. has died after fracturing his skull in a fall, He was 82.

Born into a family of troupers, Max Wall went on the music hall stage as an "eccentric dancer" and found his first fame as "Professor Waloffski" in black tights, long black wig, an athletically tortuous silly walk and a lugubrious leer. In the 1940s he managed to transfer the outrageous visual character to the wireless.

Late in life, he won new acclaim on the dramatic stage. In 1977, his eccentric Malvolio in Twelfth Night at the Greenwich Theatre earned him a new generation of fans, and he had another success in John Osborne's The Entertainer, giving Laurence Olivier's Archie Rice role a new interpretation that borrowed aspects from the music hall

star, Max Miller. Then came a series of Samuel Beckett plays, including Krapp's Last Tape and Waiting for Godot, which won the rarely bestowed praise of the playwright. "There's no such thing as a self-confessed cynic," Max Wall once said. That's what I think and that's why I love Beckett, especially

Waiting For Godot - that thing about always waiting." Wall had a sad life. He made headlines in 1956 when he left his wife and five children for a beauty queen, but marriage to her and a subsequent one ended in divorce. He was reconciled with his children only when they were grown; his son Meredith was at his side when he died in Westminster Hospital. He was declared bankrupt in 1973 over a £20,000 income tax bill. Latterly, he lived the life of a

recluse in a council flat, Ernie Wise first worked with Wall on tour with the Jack Hylton Band in 1939.

# Socialite in court for drink driving LADY Wrottesley escaped jail

yesterday for her third drinkdrive offence. Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London was told that her high-society lifestyle had that turned her into an alcoholic.

However, Wrottesley, aged walked free after was a brilliant comic, but he magistrate accepted that her friends, including Mr John Spencer-Churchill, an artist was not a loveable man. He could be very aggressive. He had a chip on his shoulder. He and a nephew of Sir Winston, were helping her to overcome her drink habit. Wrottesley, widow of the Fifth Baron Wrottesley, was more than twice over the limit when she crashed her Renault 5 car while still under a five-year ban for drink driving.

"She is a stupid person," Mr Jacob Newman, her defence solicitor, told the magistrate. And she comes to you with the story that her whole life is in ruins and the only way she can put this right is by some of whom are here toand drinking is just part of

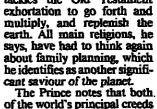
Wrottesley, of Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, West London, was placed on probation for a year on condition that she seek treatment for alcoholism and banned from driving for 10 years. She was fined £200 with £25 costs.

time recruitment officer in India, admitted driving with excess alcohol in her breath. without insurance and while disqualified. She also admitted failing to give a roadside breath test in Beaufort Street, Chelsea, south-west London, after reversing her car into another vehicle on the evening

of March 11 this year. In court her title was disputed. Mr Michael Burdett, repenting to this court and for the prosecution, said she telling you that she has made a was Lord Wrottesley's second complete fool of herself in wife and that he had not front of all her social friends, succeeded to the baronetcy until 1962, nine years after

Mr Newman added: "Unfortunately, she has been living in a society where she has been attending social events

Wrottesley, a former war-



communist masters.

of the world's principal creeds of greed are Western inventions, and he castigates his otherwise beloved 18th century for giving birth to the philosophy of man the master of the planet, whether through David Hume or Karl Marx. Against pictures of pollu-tion eating away the Par-thenon and Venice sinking

into a depleted water table, he says: "How ironic that the genie let out of the bottle by the European enlightenment is now, through such things as acid rain and pollution, at work corroding the very fabric of Western culture.

Classicist though he is. the Prince acknowledges that even the ancient Greeks and Romans were guilty of

be saved by either science or religion alone, but by a change in man's attitude.

 The Royal Scottish Forestry Society was last night warned against encroachments by over-zealous bureaucrats intent on thrusting urban values on the countryside (Kerry Gill

Sir William Lithgow, chairman of Lithgows and owner of the Ormsary estate in Argyll, told the society to beware the "clammy hand of bureaucracy" which was already reaching out to curb sections of the fish farming industry and unnecessarily interfering in rural concerns.

He said the fish-farming industry had been of particular economic and social benefit to rural areas of Scotland and had stemmed depopulation and emphasized that people concerned with land management had to be on their guard against "bumbledom" invading their

Global warming, page 12

# Holiday flights delayed

TWO hundred holiday-mak- schedule; 15 charter flights ways flights from Heathrow to ers bound for Rhodes and from Manchester and 10 from

Corfu from Manchester air-Gatwick were affected. port experienced an unexpected diversion yesterday to the fictional cobblestones of Coronation Street as industrial action crippled holiday to their holidays. They were among more

than 5,000 passengers from the North-west grounded during a 24-hour strike by Greek baggage handlers and air traffic controllers. More than 2,000 holiday-makers were stranded at Gatwick for between 10 and 24 hours as the strike paralysed flights to and from Britain. Services were expected to be close to normal Two holiday flights from

today after the conclusion of the action at 10pm last night. Some travellers in Manchester were delayed for but the 300 passengers were nearly 30 hours and several notified and were able to wait

Airport officials and tour operators were able to warn many holiday-makers before they left home but others arrived at the airport unaware airport delays, which cost the that they faced a delayed start airline £34 million last year. arrived at the airport unaware

Two groups were treated to a tour of the Granada studios in central Manchester where they strolled down Coronation Street and had a drink in the Rovers Return. Not quite Corfu perhaps, a Granada spokesman admitted, but better than sitting furning at the airport during the first serious delays of the holiday season.

Newcastle upon Tyne were delayed because of the strike flights left 20 hours behind at home. Both Olympic Air-

Athens were cancelled but British Airways departures suffered only minor delays.

 British Airways yesterday announced the formation of a global action group to fight The project, to be known as the Infrastructure Action Group, is the brainchild of Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive.

Operating under the Inter-national Air Transport Association, the group will be headed by Mr John Meredith, BA's commercial and government affairs chief. BA gave details of the

formation of the group at a press conference to announce its record pre-tax profits of £345 million for 1989-90.

BA profit, page 23



One of the rarest breed of bears making a first appearance at Jersey Zoo. The bear was born at the zoo in February. It originates from the Andes Mountains

# Discipline of classics can meet demands of the modern world

By DAVID TYTLER

EDUCATION EDITOR THE ancient world of Cicero and Socrates, Pliny and Pythagoras is being called in to help modern industry and commerce meet the demands of the 21st century. Classicists, apparently, can do anything, provided they join the real

A study of Greek and Roman history and its ancient languages help managers hold their own in the competitive modern world, according to a survey of 21 graduate recruitment officers and careers advisers in industry, commerce, banking, publishing, the media and the

public sector.

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Council of University Classical Departments, says: "Classics graduates can hold their own in the knowledge that their discipline develops many of the qualities which employers are looking for - intellectual rigour, communication skills, analytical skills, the ability to handle complex information and above all, a breadth of view which few other disciplines can provide."

There are, however, doubters. One senior manager of a bank said they were not looking for "boffins who just stick to their paper work", a sentiment echoed by the manager of a service company who said: "We do not want very 'head down' studious types who only do well in examinations." Their views were more The report, published yesterday by the than countered by the careers' adviser the survey. Having read the report, Mr and business and classics is not the only

who said: "Classicists can do anything." For the doubters, classics in 1990 means much more than studying the decline of the Roman Empire, which has been mirrored by the subject itself.

Now, only 0.7 per cent of students read classics and many schools do not teach it. Universities, however, divide it into seven different disciplines: Latin, Greek, classics, classical studies in translation, classical civilization, Roman studies, and ancient world classics.

The survey was commissioned after Mr Patrick Coldstream, director of the Council for Industry and Higher Education, challenged the universities to prove that classics could meet the needs of business and agreed to meet the cost of

done, a first-class preparation for working life if they are understood as an ideal foundation for further training and not as a professional qualification in

The classicists can produce an impressive front row to prove that they are good for you. The TSB can boast their chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, formerly Marlborough, King's College, Cambridge, and the Stock Exchange, and now chairman of the National Art Collection Fund.

He is not anxious to make claims for the classics. "There are several disciplines which are useful to commerce

command of language and the ability to analyse and communicate.

Shell will, until October, be able to say that Mr Bob Reid, their chairman, read classics at St Andrews University alongside his fellow student Mr John MacGregor, who read economics. Mr Reid is about to join British Rail as chairman and will have to read train timetables while Mr MacGregor will have to oversee school timetables. The

likelihood is that neither will run to time. Sir Jeremy Morse, Winchester and New College, Oxford, is equally modest: "My classical studies had no direct application when I was keeping hand-

Coldstream was cautiously optimistic: one. The ability to learn can, for written ledgers of lending to small Classics can prove, as they always have example, be applied to musicology and companies. It was when I came to theology. The classics do help with a attend, and eventually to chair, large international discussions of major economic issues that my classical training came flooding back to me."

Classics are welcome even in the new high technology industries. Mr Tony Cleaver, chief executive of IBM and a graduate of Trinity College, Oxford, said: "Whatever the demands of technological and vocational training, the ability to communicate clearly and to think logically is as vital as ever. A classical education provides this."

Less classically, an advertising agency said: " Classics graduates are probably better than any other discipline ... they think the pants off issues."

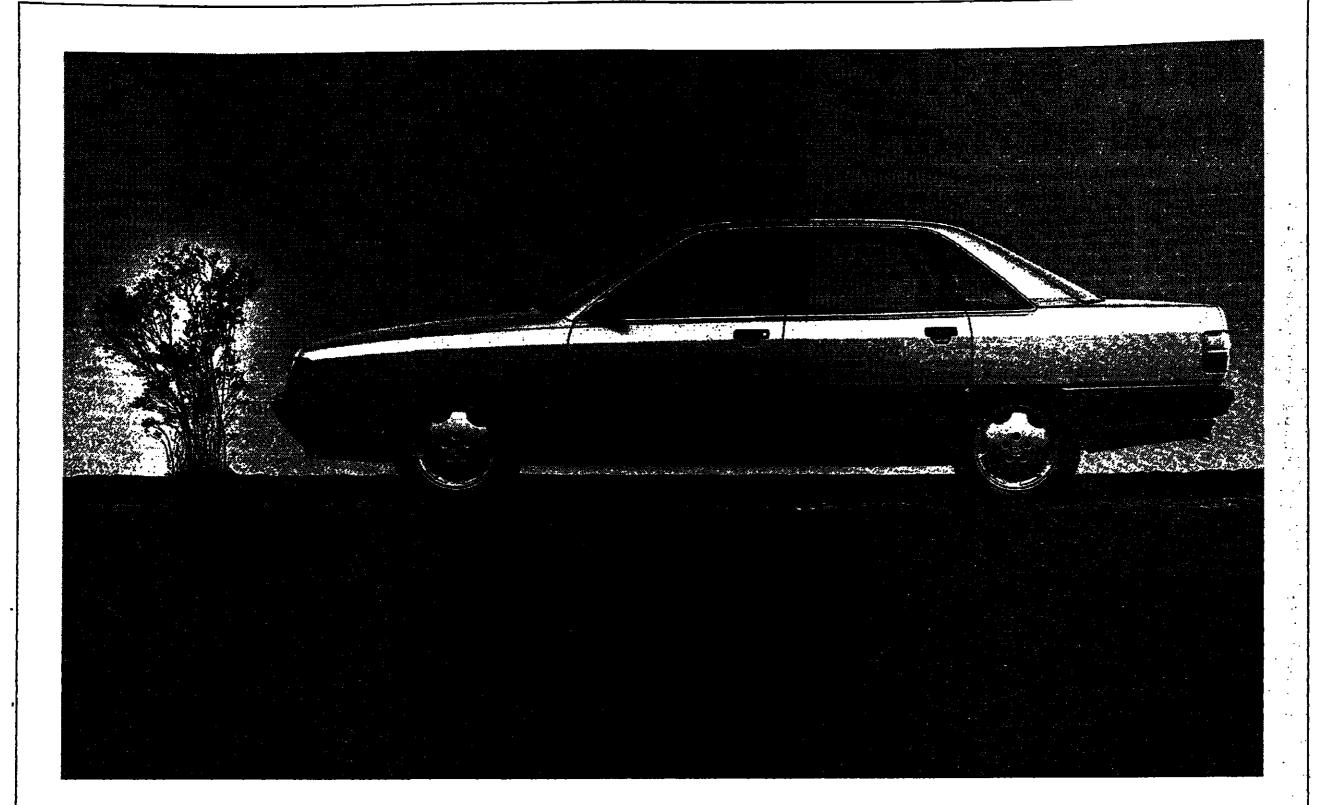
Senator Gore delivers the programme's nugget of hope when he says that, if the Berlin Wall could come down against all odds, there is hope that attitudes to the environment can be changed as dramatically as the attitude of east Europeans was changed towards their The Prince, for his part, tackles the Old Testament

overgrazing and cutting down too many trees. He admires St Benedict for his insistence that Benedictine monasteries should be self-supporting and that monks should leave the land in a better condition than they found it. It is the Prince's example of what is now the ecological buzzword:

The Earth, he says, cannot

writes).

responsibilities.



# A critical appraisal of the Audi 100 Turbo by a bog myrtle.



To a bog myrtle the fact that an Audi 100 Turbo can reach 60 mph in 7.5 seconds, or achieve 134 mph on a German autobahn, or is fitted with ABS as standard is largely irrelevant.

However, one aspect of the 100 Turbo that is of interest to the bog myrtle is the 3-way catalytic converter now fitted as standard in all Audi cars.

The converter removes up to 95% of toxic pollutants from the exhaust's gases. These include deadly carbon monoxide, unburnt hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen which contribute to photochemical smog and to the phenomenon we now call 'acid rain.'

The bog myrtle is a wonderfully fragrant shrubby plant.

Originally, before hops became popular, it was used in the making of beer.

It flourishes in bogs, fens and wet heaths. Predominantly in Scotland, often around the edges of lakes.

Its existence is a finely balanced affair. A slight increase in the acidity levels in rain and it may disappear forever.

Not perhaps the most obvious reason for buying an

Audi, but probably as good as any.

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# Rover workers vote for 24-hour deal

By KEVIN EASON

ROVER workers in a surprise move yesterday reversed their 24-hour working agreement in the British car industry by accepting the deal in a second

The 12,500 workers at Rover's biggest plant, at Longbridge, Birmingham, had voted by a majority of seven to five against the package, which will also create 1,200 jobs, in a ballot earlier this

That decision had shocked national union officials, who had recommended the deal as "the best hours package any-where in the motor industry" and had led to a warning from Rover executives that they would impose the new system.

However, a second ballot produced a swift change of mind with 8,274 workers voting to accept and 4,229 continuing to reject the deal.

industrial action."

shire and South Yorkshire

would bear the brunt of the

Of the 7,500 predicted job losses, 1,300 had been fore-

shadowed by the announce-

ment of three pit closures in

south Yorkshire and south

Wales. If a further 6,000 jobs

went, it would represent just

under 10 per cent of the

remaining 64,000 miners in

from the demand for "green"

The decision paves the way for the most radical working egreement in the British car industry, giving Rover working practices prevailing in few car factories in the world. Even many Japanese plants have not yet adopted a 24-hour working system, which entails three shifts operating round-the-clock to maximize the use of expensive

The deal will enable Rover virtually to double production in key areas of its Longbridge works, and will present a target for other UK car makers. Companies such as Ford and Vauxhall may seek similar deals soon as they consider ways of increasing output to try to match not only Rover, but also formidable competition from new British factories owned by Nissan, Toyota and Honda, of Japan, which are investing a total of £1.5 billion in manufacturing.

Neither unions nor Rover executives were able to explain the reversal yesterday, although both sides were pleased with the outcome, which will guarantee significant increases in production for the company.

Rover said it would put the new system into operation after next week's holiday break for 4,000 workers on ssembly lines for the new Kseries engines, at the heart of the company's latest range of cars, and for the Rover 200

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The workers will swap from 20 shifts a month to 13 of 11.5 hours each, resulting in a surge of extra output. Production of Rover 200 hatchbacks and 400 saloons will rise from elopment of gas-powered powmodels.

6,000 a week.

In return, workers are guaranteed seven consecutive rest days a month and a £20 shift premium, while the whole of the company's 30,000-strong manual workforce in Birmingham, Oxford and Swindon will get a reduction in the working week from 39 to 37 hours.

Rover said last night: "This is very good news indeed for Rover, which will become the first 24-hour car factory in the UK. We are now better placed to satisfy the enormous cus-tomer demand for our products."

● A. compromise appears to have been reached in a dispute between British Airways engineers based at Heathrow airport's Terminal One and the airline over the introduction of 12-hour shifts. A ballot is being conducted among the engineers with the recommendation that they accept the new shifts for a trial

# Scargill on strike alert over 7,500 pit job cuts

UPTO 7,500 jobs are likely to house in that it was closing 50 be lost through pit closures over the next three years, British pits that produced coal with a low sulphur content British Coal said yesterday. while coal with more sulphur Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of was being imported. He said: Mineworkers, immediately throughout the industry recsaid that industrial action was ognized their potential the only way to stop the cuts. strengths rather than their Sir Robert Haslam, the British Coal chairman, told Mr Scargill of the rationaliza-

Sir Robert said later that he hoped Mr Scargill would receive the good news that he tion programme at their first meeting for more than a year. had been given that there was Afterwards, Mr Scargill said: a great opportunity to be "British Coal are yet again embarking on a further clograsped for British Coal to maintain a profitable, highsure programme and manpower reduction. There were doubt that the vast majority of no guarantees given for the future of this industry. It is my collieries have reasonable prospects providing they confirm belief that the only way tinue to reduce costs, improve you can defend the pits, the industry and the jobs we have productivity and maintain quality at the required is by taking industrial action. I say that very reluctantly. I do In the longer term, the size not want to see a strike or

of the industry would be determined by its success in meeting obligations under existing contracts. Sir Robert Mr Scargill's reaction was in marked contrast to that of Mr Roy Lynk, the leader of the Nottinghamshire-based Undid not specify where the expected job losses were likely ion of Democratic Mineto occur, but said the cut workers, which was formed by would be substantially below miners who worked during the the recent "highly speculative, 1984 strike. Mr Lynk said the draconian forecast" of benews was not half as bad as the tween 15,000 to 40,000 losses. doom-laden forecasts of the He would be surprised if it past few months and he did not expect job losses to amount to 7,000. He was confident that every Not-tinghamshire pit would rethose figures.

He said the industry had come through the most traumatic year since the prolonged main open for the "foresee-able future", in spite of predictions that Nottinghamminers' strike, after four years tional run of geological prob-lems. He added: "Results were also adversely affected by the third mild winter in a row - a totally unprecedented event which was a significant factor in leading to the generators taking some five million tonnes less than in previous years." Contrary to gloomy forecasts that the industry could be dying, it was facing a much brighter prospect and a

Sir Robert said the rationalization was being discussed in Sir Robert said the use of the wake of three-year connatural gas for electricity generation would be "our most formidable competitor tracts British Coal had signed with the power industry, under which demand would fall from 70 million tonnes to Equally seriously, some of our 65 million tonnes by 1992-93. otherwise competitive col-Leaders from four mining lieries are now being faced with the potential threat of unions were also told in large quantities of low-sulphur separate talks with Sir Robert coal imports to meet EEC of the threat to the industry targets on acid rain emissions. power stations using cleaner We have put our case clearly natural gas and imported lowto the Government on this nd will continue to do Sir Robert said job losses so in the interests of our could be horrendous unless industry."

Mr Lynk said later. "I do not think we will lose anything foreign imports and the devo; DUU to 5,000 a week to cope with demand, which has meant waiting lists of up to three months for some models.

The stations was stopped and new equipment was fitted at power stations to reduce emissions of sulphur dioxide which will be much effect in No. Assembly of K-series en-gines, which are used in the national executive would con-the right price and compete. two Rovers as well as the new sider a strategy to save the There are a lot of things going our way and it is not all gloom the economics of the mad- and doom."



Mr Arthur Scargill giving a warning of industrial action after being told of pit job cuts

# Auditions for Miss Saigon flop



Miss Marian de Jesus, aged 26, rehearsing backstage before her audition yesterday

THE long-running modern musical demands a steady supply of performers who can sing, dance and act. Miss Saigon, which opened to acclaim last September at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, demands all this — plus oriental looks. It is a combination that has proved difficult

Miss Saigon's producers, Cameron Mackintosh, scoured the country for a cast. "We canvassed every part of the British Isles - put up posters in Chinese restaurants all over Soho, contacted the Buddhist community, and spoke to all the embassies." Mr Nick Allott, the executive producer, says. They still had to import 15 of the 18 cast members from abroad,

Yesterday, Cameron Mack-intosh launched its search for a new Miss Saigon cast for September, with auditions at Drury Lane. But despite wide publicity for the auditions, only 40 hopefuls turned up.

At least half a dozen were not remotely oriental-looking and those who did look oriental seemed much longer on life-experience than theatrical experience. "I want to be in it, because it's about prostitutes in the Far East, and that's my background: I was a prostitute in Singapore for four years," said Miss Kim Poh. Another hopeful, Miss Nguyen Kim Phuong, wanted a part because she had been abandoned in a basket in a Saigon

street when she was a baby. Only a handful seemed quietly competent. Miss Marian de Jesus, aged 26, whose mother is Anglo-Burmese, and whose father is half-English. half-Brazilian, has been studying ballet, jazz and tap since she was three. She sings professionally in a *salsa* band. 'I have no idea whether I'll be suitable: I don't know what

they're looking for," she said. It seems unlikely that Cameron Mackintosh will be able to assemble a cast from yesterday's auditions. There is one other source of potential performers in Britain: Cameron Mackintosh has set up coaching classes for Asian

Oriental-looking Britons have better things to do, it would seem. "Initially we had hoped that Vietnamese refugees would be interested," Mr Allott said. "But the em-bassies told us they hadn't come all this way to be penniless actors; they were all too busy being doctors and

# Satellite TV comes to Soviet Union

From RICHARD EVANS MEDIA EDITOR LUXEMBOURG

THE Soviet Union will soon be able to tune into satellite television and offer Western programmes to increasingly dissatisfied viewers. The first 1,000 satellite dishes, which are likely to receive programmes such as Sky News and MTV, will be installed within months and should be freely available inside five years, Mr Mikhail Nenashev, chairman of the State Committee of Radio and Tele-

vision, said yesterday. "With perestroika and glasnost, our television uses most of its time for political items. It is too much. We forget about culture, news and music. We want to make it more balanced. Now it is too much internal policy and viewers are complaining about that."

Mr Nenashev, who had earlier addressed the first Luxembourg media summit, told journalists that the Soviet Union was politically ready for satellite television. The The 1,000 dishes being produced this year would be installed in embassies, tourist hotels, universities and scien-tific centres, he said. "There is a very big appetite for the news and what is going on in Western Europe – also movies, especially French, Italian and British, TV serials, music and youth programmes."

Luxembourg is the head-quarters of SES, which launched the 16 channel Astra satellite used by Sky. Mr Nenashev, who visited the Betzdorf satellite centre on Monday, said Soviet television may rent a transponder on a second Astra satellite to be launched by the end of this

The satellite development is just one stage in a significant outlined by Mr Nenashev. which includes five national channels instead of the exist-ing two. Soviet television was also "very interested" in coproduction ventures for historical series, programmes on museums, art galleries and cultural centres — including

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# 'Two-year delay' on Sizewell

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SIZEWELL B, the nuclear power plant being built on the Suffolk coast, will not come into service until 1996, two years late, the environmental group Friends of the Earth said yesterday.

The group says that analysis of government figures on how much nuclear-generated electricity the privatized area boards will have to buy in the next eight years reveals the extent of the Sizewell B delay. It also says a nuclear industry report shows that construction costs for the plant have risen to more than £2 billion.

Friends of the Earth says the delays and rising costs and further delays make a mockery of the Government's position that nuclear stations must be delivered on time and on cost. It calls for the abandonment of the project.

The Department of Energy said Friends of the Earth's interpretation of the figures was inaccurate. The non-fossil fuel obligation was set to account for Sizewell coming on stream in 1996. That doesn't mean it won't come on stream earlier than that date. "As for the costs rising to £2

billion, that is pure speculation. We have received a review from Nuclear Electric, but these may not be the final figures. We are still looking at the review."

# YOU HAVE LOVED



A chronicle of past passions for Communist and undemocratic left wing regimes by Labour MPs, trade union leaders and others.

by Harry Phibbs

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AIMS OF INDUSTRY

# Kirk call for revival of principle

A FORBIDDING view of the country's continuing moral degradation was outlined yesterday by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland when he desprised of the church's indespaired of the church's influence on daily life.

The Rev Alasdair Gollan, in his opening address to the assembly in Edinburgh, said people had reached a low ebb both spiritually and morally and called for a revival of

He painted a bleak picture of sections of society, saying: Our prisons are overcrowded and the forces of law and order children'." are continually on the stretch. Iniquity walks unashamedly

on the devaluation of the sanctity of marriage.

"How sad it is to read in our and women in the field of sport and the world of show business, unashamedly living together in sexual relationships without any thought of the sport and the world of show business, unashamedly living together in sexual relationships without any thought of the sport and the ongoing presenting the report of the sport and the world of show business, unashamedly living together in sexual relationships without any thought of the sport of the sport of the sport and the ongoing presenting the report of the sport of the sport and the world of show the Rev Douglas Nicol, the couragement of evangelism in our generation." newspapers of prominent men

personal honesty and the rais- visit should be welcomed,

American evangelist Dr Billy Graham. Church resources will not be used to support his

ships without any thought of marriage, and their offspring are sentimentally referred to in the tabloid press as 'love in the tabloid press' in the tabloid pr

in our streets.

"Sexual deviants boldly advertise their way of life ... the sins of the ancient world are now legalized in our land.

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Kirk resources should not be made available. The provision of resources would be at the expense of other church

In the report to the assembly, the committee said: "The Mission Committee is convinced that the ongoing pres-

issued to Dr Graham to visit anyone who is more successful Taking as his theme "A Scotland in 1991 to conduct in making the simple Gospel heart-cry for revival", Mr an evangelistic campaign. Dr Graham," he said.

By RAY CLANCY

FORENSIC tests that led to the conviction and imprisonment of Mrs Annie Maguire and six others 14 years ago for running an IRA bomb factory could have been "deliberately contaminated", the inquiry into their cases was told

Doubts about swabs taken from Mrs Maguire, her husband Patrick, two of her sons and others were raised by Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, on the second day of the inquiry headed by Sir John May, the former court of appeal judge.

Mr Arlidge, who represents six of the

made "the methodology of the trial, the prosecution argument, the judge's summing up and the court of appeal decision

He said it was clear from studies of IRA safe houses and IRA movements that the Maguire family home in Kilburn, north London, could not have been a bomb factory, and that no ancillary bomb-making equipment had ever been found. No one had ever been seen "transporting anything from the house", and that if the defendants had

control

Delegates claimed equip-

ment shortages had jeop-ardized the safety of staff and

prisoners. At Manchester, all

supplies had been provided by

police, while at another

prison affected by riot no one

and been able to find the key

Mr Peter Hall, branch chair-

man at Pucklechurch Remand

Centre, near Bristol, Avon.

where several hundred young

offenders ran amok, claimed

manpower shortages were a

big problem. Because of it, cell

searches had been "virtually

non-existent" for nine months

before the riot and cannabis

smoking by inmates was

Mr Bartell, whose speech

received a standing ovation,

claimed Home Office "propa-

ganda" had obscured the fact

that overtime cuts brought

about by the Fresh Start

agreement meant that prisons had lost 306,000 staff man

hours each week. That equated to 7,650 officers.

Accusing the department of

putting money before "life

and limb", he said: "The cost

of dangerously low-staffing

levels lies smouldering in the

ruins of many parts of the prison system. Nearly 3,000

prisoners are now dispersed

into other prisons, which are

Alluding to the union's plans to ballot its members on

industrial action over the

manning issue, he added:

"There should be no mis-

willing participants in a plot

fodder for other people's

Mr Terry McLaren, prison

officer at Wandsworth, in

to the store cupboard.

At the original trial, the convictions of Mr and Mrs Maguire, their sons Vincent and Patrick, Mrs Maguire's brother Sean Smith, Mr Guiseppe Conlon, her hus-band's brother-in-law, and Mr Patrick. O'Neill, a family friend, the case relied heavily on scientific evidence that traces of nitroglycerine had been found on their

However, yesterday Mr Arlidge disputed that evidence and added that if the family had "feared a visit from the police" they would not have left evi-

shown traces of explosives. The explosives could have entered the house on the hands of someone else, theycould have been "innocently contaminated at some stage in the course of the scientific testing", or "someone deliberately contaminated the swabs after they were taken from the defendants".

Mr Arlidge also suggested that some evidence crucial to the defence case had not been made available in court during the trial. "If proper disclosure was not made, that makes the convictions dounumber of matters that, if they had been disclosed, would have led to the defence demanding further inquiry. If that had been pursued, the result might have been

Those matters, he said, related to photographs and scientific reports. He added: "In a variety of subtle ways the trial process was distorted."

The first witness, Det Sergeant Lawrence Vickery, who was attached to the bomb squad team that raided the Maguire's house on December 3 1974, said at that time bomb squad officers were not supplied with protective clothpossibility of cross-contamination, although since then new procedures had

been brought in. It emerged that he had attended the scene of a bomb explosion at the Talbot Arms pub in Chelsea on November 30, 1974, just 48 hours before he entered the

Maguire house. A statement released by the Conlon family through Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, who represents Mrs Sarah Conlon, the widow of Mr Conlon, who died from tuberculosis in prison, said his dying plea had been for his name to be cleared. The inquiry continues today.

# Jail officers seek gas and grenades to quell cell riots

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

grenades to quell jail riots was made yesterday as the officers' union claimed that staff shortages had left some prisons in a state of "unsupervised

Debating the penal system's renewed trouble, delegates at the Prison Officers Association's annual conference at Portsmouth laid the blame for last month's jail disturbances at the Home Office's door.

The department's biggest "failure", delegates said, had been to reduce staff in a relentless search for efficiency savings. It had also failed to maintain sufficient stocks of riot gear. As a result, much equipment had to be borrowed from police, while many officers had had to share shields and belmets.

A CALL for prison officers to applause when he called on form in the Prison Service let be issued with CS gas and stun the Prison Department's senior managers to do "the honourable thing and resign". Another delegate described Mr Christopher Train, the Prison Service's director-general, as an "invisible man". Prison administrators had become "disciples of Saatchi and

> While several delegates denounced the poor conditions prevailing in many jails, the overwhelming mood was of the need for discipline to be restored in the system follow-ing one of the worst waves of jail disturbances this century.

Mr Brian Caton, branch secretary of Wakefield prison, West Yorkshire, was clapped when he called for officers to be given CS gas and "stun devices". He said: "Wakefield is not against reform and Mr John Bartell, the union's liberalization. But in

# 'Sub-animals of Strangeways'

OFFICERS from Manchester's Strangeways jail cision not to help the city's described the behaviour of council meet the £2 million prisoners who rioted in the cost of policing the riot. "I prison last month as being think it is disgusting that sub-animal (Quentin Cowdry Greater Manchester's popula-

Association at Strangeways, and Mr Peter Hancox, branch secretary, paid scant respect to the language of penal reform when referring to the rioters who took control of the jail for

ing to flee the disorder were pelted with slates and coping stones, said the rioters had been worse than animals. "Animals would not have done to their own what they

Describing the intimidation and beatings meted out by rioters to sex offenders held in the jail's segregation unit, he said: "We are talking about part castrations, a ligature being taped around the neck of an injured man and of unconscious prisoners bleeding from all orifices."

Mr Serle said prison officers had faced inmates intent on "brutalizing," staff and innocent prisoners alike. Police have launched a murder inquiry after the death of one inmate during the riot.

As he began to speak Mr Serie theatrically produced a puppet dressed up like a prison officer. It had been the staff's mascot during the riot, which left the jail a virtual ruin. He said the staff, appalled by the Home Office's alleged mismanagement of the prison system, had tended to drop the puppet's trousers every time an administrator's name was mentioned.

Mr Serle praised the police and other emergency services for the help they had offered staff during the riot and said Mr Brendan O'Friel, Strangeways' governor, had been brilliant. "Had it not been for him, ministers would have closed Strangeways," he said. Prison officers had displayed "remarkable bravery and loyalty".

He interrupted his plaudits by voicing disbelief over the

tion will have to pay for it in already jam-packed, dan-Mr Ivor Serle, branch chair-man of the Prison Officers' their community charges. The Home Office should have to notential nowder kees."

Mr Hancox said he could confirm reports that a decision by Mr O'Friel to send in "control and restraint," squads into the jail within 48 understanding. We will not hours of the disorder erupting stand idly by and watch the Mr Hancox, who told the had been overruled by the mistakes of the past being

> "He made a decision on the Monday. We had in excess of where we are the cannon 400 trained staff already to go in . . . I can confirm because I mistakes." was there that there was a telephone call to stand down. The staff were told they were south London, said "woolly-not to be committed and it headed" officials "could not (the riot) had to be treated in organize a panic on the the same way as a passive Titanic". demonstration would be treated — by negotiation."

> • Standards set by the that prisoners in D wing at community at large, including Frankland Prison near Durits attitudes to "relatively ham had rioted early yes-accepted crimes" such as driv-terday, smashing furniture ing offences, fraud, creative through cell windows and accounting and tax evasion, setting it alight. influence young offenders, the Princess Royal said yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes). It was through the example set by the community that abnormal behaviour could be assessed, and young people who had

tested the system and found it to make sense should join the ranks of volunteer prison visitors, she told the National Association of Prison Visitors in London.



"Powder keg" warning: Mr Bartell at the conference



Mr William Davis, the British Tourist Authority chairman, with a wax model of a wilting tourist at Madame Tussand's yesterday to mark the London museum's fourth year as the most popular tourist attraction charging admission

# British industry chiefs lagging in salary league

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

creases in Europe for the third consecutive year the pay of Irish, although this position is Britain's captains of industry, expected to change as other which averages £68,500, re-

mains well behind that in

more than the British. Of 10

countries covered in a survey

by P-E International, the

European management and

computer consultancy, only

other European countries. As the delegates denounced the Home Office, they heard Although the gap is closing, it will take a decade or more for United Kingdom managing directors to catch up with the leaders, the Swiss, whose total remuneration, at £136,134, is nearly 28 per cent more than their nearest rivals. the Germans, and 99 per cent

Mr John Carrigan, the association's branch secretary at Frankland, said: "Prisoners were throwing cell furniture out of windows into the exercise yard and trying to set it alight.

The Home Office played down the disturbance and described the situation at Frankland as "caim".

the Irish MD, on £60,396, earns less than his British The report shows that while managing directors of United Kingdom companies have been awarding themselves increases of up to 12 per cent, the actual benefit, because of inflation running at 9.4 per cent, is much less than in The Netherlands, where predicted salary increases of 8 per cent contrast with an inflation rate

of 2.1 per cent. P-E International's survey shows that the United Kingdom managing director fares better in terms of net pay after tax and social security deductions, moving from 8th to 6th position, because at 40 per cent Britain has one of the lowest top marginal rates of taxation in Europe.

In net pay terms, the survey † Tax & Social Security deducted assuming a married men with two children

IN SPITE of receiving the shows, the British MD gets Belgium, Ireland, Spain and highest executive salary in-more in his pocket than the UK, where 50 per cent to Spanish, Dutch, Danish and European countries reduce their top marginal tax rates. per cent receive bonuses. The total remuneration of £89,324 for a Danish company

chief is reduced to a net of £35,757 after deductions. The report also charts the incidence of bonuses and average bonus amounts in each country and shows there is an increasing move towards them throughout Europe, particularly in Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Snain, where more executives are receiving rewards directly related to company prof-

The provision of bonuses in the countries surveyed breaks down into three groups. In the top group are France, Switzerland and Germany, where 80-90 per cent of executives receive a bonus.

In the second group are fall,

60 per cent benefit. In the remaining countries, the Netherlands, Italy and Denmark, only 23 per cent to 40

The survey, which covered 37,922 executives and managers in 3,586 companies. shows that benefits have now become an integral part of the executive's reward package. While share option schemes are relatively rare in the rest of Europe, United Kingdom senior executives have the edge. with 70 per cent having the opportunity to participate.

In the area of company cars, the UK executive moves to the top of the league. At MD level, the provision of a car is almost universal at 98.2 per cent, compared with 63 per cent in The Netherlands. P-E International forecasts that in the future, because of inflation, the level of real income for UK executives is likely to

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S SALARIES\*** 

Country	Total renauneration (£)	Rnk	† Net pay (E)	Renk	Cost of living adjst (E)	Rink
Switzerland	136,134	1	85,062	1	74,420	1
Germany	106,449	2	61,102	4	59,787	ġ
Italy	104,154	3	61.516	3	57,762	ă
France	95,665	4	63.384	2	62,509	Ž
Denmark	89,324	5	35,757	9	31,311	ş
Belgium	87,606	6	48,803	5	48,754	5
Netherlands	87,237	7	42,321	8	45.312	7
Spain	87,082	8	43,945	7	47,303	6
UK	68,500	·9	44,627	6	44,627	š
Ireland	60,396	10	30,765	1Ď	29,667	10

in The Times Educational Supplement and other publications owned by News International was attacked as illegal and perverse in the High Court yesterday, and one which could adversely affect the educational welfare of

cision to ban advertisements resolved to "fully endorse" the competent teachers. libel action and withdraw all advertising from News Inter- Ltd, News International,

worth £61,610 a year was switched from the TES to The Guardian at an increased cost of £72,550 a year. Between October and December 250 posts were advertised by the council, but none in the TES. Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans were told that the TES was the main in The Guardian only after

A LABOUR council's de- ber the ruling Labour group hinder its ability to recruit

Times Newspapers and Mrs Pauline Latham, a Derbyshire county councillor, are seeking a declaration that the decision was unlawful, and an injunction to restrain the council from acting on it.

The council denies acting improperly, claiming the education committee decided to advertise teaching vacancies careful consideration and that

# Women 'hit worst' by health cuts

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

victims of health service cuts in London over the past 10 years, as users, carers and workers, according to a survey published today by the London Health Emergency

The report says there has Health been a significant erosion in or, said. family planning, gynaecology and abortion services and and abortion services and inadequate progress on screening services for cervical and breast cancer, and points to the closure of local materto the closure of local maternity hospitals.

such as the South London Women's Hospital have closed, and the famous Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, which used to be staffed by women for women, now employs male doctors.

Between 1980 and 1987. 450 maternity beds closed, 16 per cent of all provision. Since Perivale Hospital in Ealing and Victoria Maternity Hospital in Barnet have also closed down. Although they are to to be replaced by centralized units, there is an overall loss of beds and reduced accessibility. In addition, many districts have introduced tougher geographical restrictions on maternity admissions, limiting the choice of birthplace.

The London Health Emergency Group warns that the position is likely to get worse under the health service reforms: women might have to travel further for treatment and have less choice because provision will be dictated by contracts drawn up by health authorities. In addition, the estimated six million carers in Britain, mainly women, will gain little from the Community Care reforms, the group

service have also been more vulnerable to cuts and cost efficiency measures. Competitive tendering of ancillary services, which the report says results in job losses and lower pay, has affected women staff more than men. The districtby-district survey shows heavy cuts in family planning services in many districts. including the inner and outer London health districts of Ealing, Hounslow, Kingston and Esher, Barking, Havering and Brentwood, Redbridge, Bromlev and West Lambeth.

In some authorities, family planning and "well women" services are now generally provided by the GP rather than in health service clinics. In Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton, west London, those services have been merged with family planning services and reduced from 30 weekly sessions to 18 since 1988. A package of cuts recently agreed by Wandsworth health authority, south London, will include reductions in post-natal maternity beds and cutbacks in routine

family planning services. In the City and Hackney, East London, women requiring an abortion after 12 weeks who do not have "significant medical grounds" are being advised to go direct to a private advisory service. The report claims that, although the district is supposed to provide abortions up to 12 weeks, in reality the service is too overloaded.

Gynaecology services were cut in Waltham Forest by 25 per cent in 1988 and could be cut again by as much as another 50 per cent, although

# WOMEN have been the main waiting lists have nearly doubled since 1984, it says. "As users, carers and workers, women of all age groups have suffered from the contin-

Health Emergency coordinat-

uing assault on hospital and community services," Miss

Rosie Newbigging, London

 People who take fright at Hospitals for women only, the sight of a spider in the bath are being invited to confront their worst fears at close

quarters (Thomson Prentice Psychologists seeking voiunteers for the project do not hold out the offer of an instant cure for the phobia, but believe it will cast new light on then, smaller units such as the anxiety. Research has suggested that frightened phobists show a temporary loss of

memory and fail to recognize everyday objects or images. 'We promise not to scare them out of their wits, but it will be a mildly unpleasant experience," Dr Keiran Covle. of the Medical Research Council unit in Cambridge, said yesterday. "We will use the biggest spider we can find, but it will be a domestic species rather than something like a tarantula.

• Spider lovers in Taunton, Somerset, are to hold an appreciation day next month to highlight their eight-legged friends' "pretty, attractive personalities".

# **Embassy** in nuclear says. Female staff in the health trigger hoax

DEVICES alleged to be nuclear triggers sent through the post to the Iraqi embassy were in fact electronic components used for household appliances, the Foreign Office said vesterday.

A spokesman said the episode seemed to have been the work of a hoaxer, the components did not have any nuclear weapons application. The devices were handed in at the Foreign Office by an Iraqi diplomat.

The packet with "nuclear triggers" written on it and containing 28 components had been posted to the embassy. Ministry of Defence officials had examined the components, which consisted of capacitors and resistors.

### Sunday trading

A renewed battle over a DIY company's Sunday trading started yesterday when magistrates at Cwmbran, Gwent, began hearing a test case against the B&Q chain referred back to them by the European Court last year. Torfaen Borough Council first brought the prosecution against B&Q two years ago.

### Doyle honoured Sixty years after his death, Sir

Arthur Conan Doyle is to be honoured with a statue of his famous creation, Sherlock Holmes, erected in the centre of Edinburgh. It will be placed in Picardy Place near the site where Sir Arthur was born in 1859 and will depict the detective dressed in his Inverness cape and deerstalker.

# Maxwell case

A action brought by Mr Robert Maxwell alleging that he was defamed by the BBC and Mr Arnold Kemp, editor of the Glasgow Herald, has been settled out of court, it was disclosed yesterday. News of the settlement came minutes before evidence was to due to be heard at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

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### Lake spoiled

VANDALS have dumped 200 gallons of oil into a popular Kent lake used by water-skiers and swimmers. So far, six dogs are ill as a result. Police are warning locals and Bank holiday-makers to stay away from the lake near Creek Road, Cliff Village, near Rochester, until the hydraulic or lubricating oil is removed.

**BOOTLE BY-ELECTION** 

# Labour loyalty goes unquestioned

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, BOOTLE

THE posters sestooning Boo- engineering factory in the Labour Party. The most glar- seat, Labour cannot take past tle urging people in that vacuous phrase to "show you care" by voting for Mike Carr provide the evidence that it is solid Labour territory. row's by-election.

No postering blitz could achieve the sheer number displayed across the grim Merseyside constituency. In street after street the red and yellow colours of the party are a testament to the loyalty of its supporters in an impregnable

Shortly after Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for commented yesterday: "It is a ling no chances.

(Lab) 34,975; P Papworth (Con)

Employment, had met Miss sad thing to see the hopeless
Caroline Isherwood at a small loyalty the people have for the mined that, however safe the 6,820. Lab maj: 24,477.

constituency, the first-time ing omission in the Labour voter explained without besi- Party campaign is that there is tation that she would be no record whatsoever of their supporting Labour in tomor-

Labour family. I don't know much about it but it's in the SDP's brief but ephemeral family. We always vote Labour."

She no doubt was one of those whom Mr Jack Holmes, the Social Democrat candidate, had in mind when he Howard, Secretary of State for commented yesterday: "It is a

achievements in Bootle." Wisely, given that the

Asked why, Miss Isherwood neighbouring constituency, replied: "Because we are a and a much smarter one, is Crosby, scene of one of the successes, Mr Holmes did not ponder long on the question of loyalty. In spite of the 24,477 majority bequeathed by the late MP, Mr Allan Roberts, the party headquarters is taking no chances.

loyalties for granted. In 1987 Labour won 66.9 per cent of the poll; the party aims to maintain that and hopes the Tory candidate, a Yorkshire barrister fighting his third solid Labour parliamentary seat, may lose his deposit. The candidates: M Carr (Lab); J

(Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock Party). General election: Allan Roberts

Clappison (Con); J Cunningham (Lib Dem); K White (Lib); S Brady (Green); J Holmes (SDP); T Schoffeld (Ind); Lord D Suteb

# Council's ban on advertising was illegal and perverse, court told

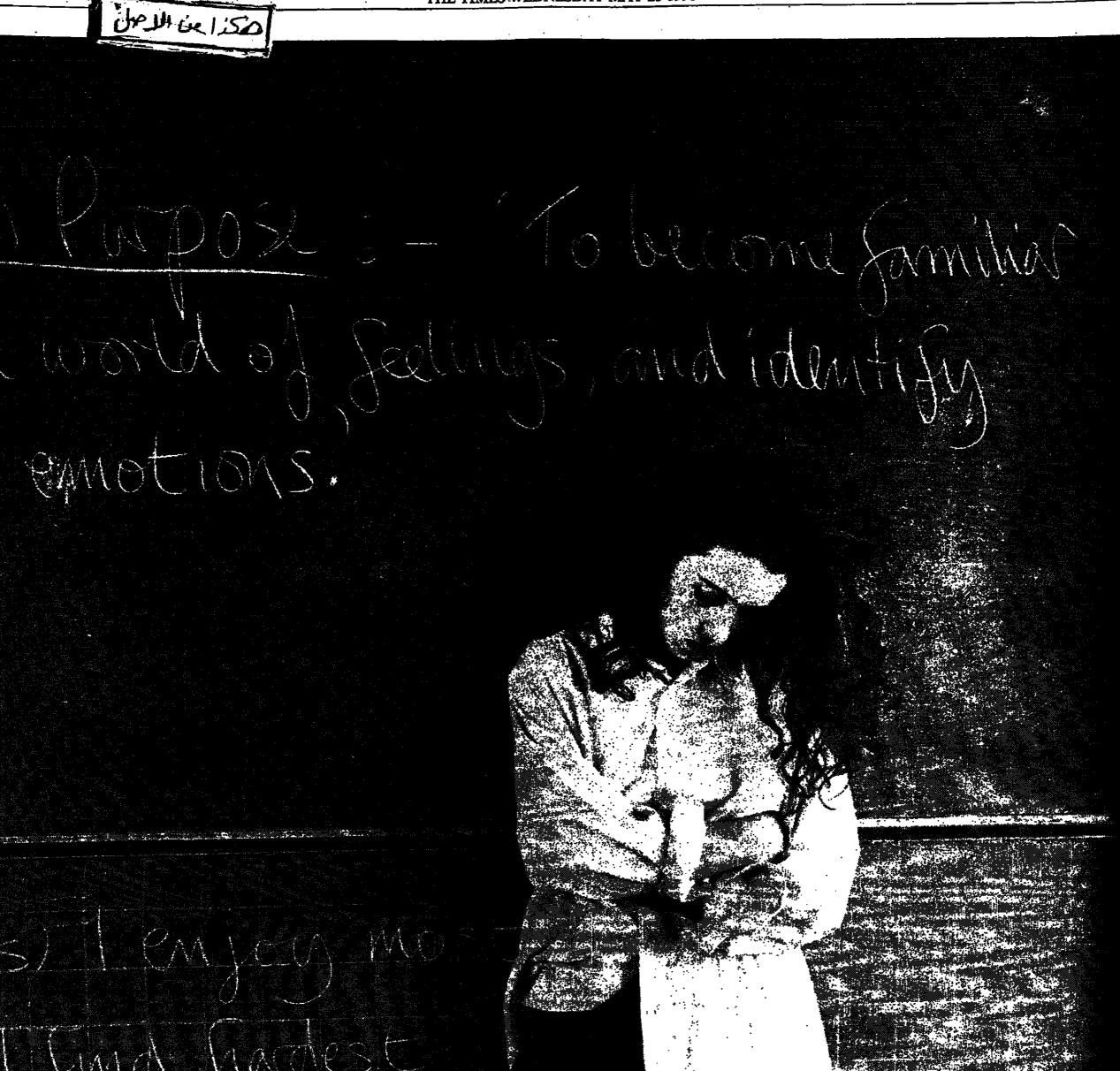
schoolchildren in Derbyshire.

Derbyshire County Council allegedly imposed the ban after reports in The Sunday Times last September about Mr David Bookbinder, the council's leader, and its pen- channel for advertising school sion fund. Mr Bookbinder has job vacancies and the coun- it was not influenced by The issued writs for libel. In Octo- cil's decision would seriously Sunday Times reports.

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The Times Supplements

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This girl doesn't seem interested in anything. She spends the whole lesson cut off in her own world. She won't contribute in discussions and her work is poor.

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What's the matter with her? It may be a physical disability. It wouldn't be the first time a hearing problem has gone undetected for a long time. But it's more likely to be an emotional problem. If a child is unhappy at home, it will certainly show itself at school.

PERHAPS there's a new step-parent she doesn't get on with, or perhaps her parents are always at each other's throats. Maybe someone in the family is seriously ill. Even the arrival of a new baby in the family or a row with a close friend can have dramatic effects at a sensitive age. Drugs or alcohol may be involved too.

There can be all sorts of reasons, and the same problems may manifest themselves in a variety of ways. While one child may be withdrawn, another will be persistently cheeky, rude or even aggressive, seeking the attention in the classroom that they don't get anywhere else.

The teacher must be sensitive enough to recognise the problem, try to find out what the cause is and then of course do something about it.

If the problem is a serious one, there are usually

staff at the school whose responsibility it is to talk to the child, visit the parents or even have a word with specialist services, if that is required. But there is always a great deal you can do yourself as a teacher. Just by taking a personal interest in the child, you'll be surprised at how quickly her behaviour may begin to change. (After all, you may be the first person who has.)

And when she does start to show an interest in work, the more praise and encouragement you can give her, the better.

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# record low for strikes

stoppages last year was the lowest for more than 50 years, Mr Michael Howard, Sccretary of State for Employment, said in the

There were 12.9 million working days lost per year in the period 1970 to 1979 and 7.2 million from 1980 to 1989. It was provisionally estimated that 5.1 million days were lost in the 12 months ended last March.

Mr Phillip Oppenheim (Amber Valley, C) said that a return to the unbridled secondary picketing that would be possible under Labour's proposals would destroy that progre

Mr Howard said nothing would be more guaranteed to deal a death blow to the economic prospects of the country than Opposition proposals to make striking easier.

### Aid pledge for bank

The Government will be working closely with the president-designate of the Euro-pean Bank for Reconstruction and Development so that it can begin work as soon as possible on helping in the restructuring of the economies of Eastern European countries, Mr John Major, Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, said in a written reply.

### Parliament's new members

Mr David Trimble, who retained Upper Bann for the Ulster Unionist Party in last week's by-election, took his seat in the Commons.

Lord Wade of Choriton. joint treasurer of the Con-servative Party, was in-troduced in the Lords.

### MPs' £5.9m tor travel

Expenses incurred by MPs in travel between their homes and Westminster and their constituencies amounted to £5,913,667 during the last financial year. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said in a Commons written reply.

### House TV

Commons officials are looking into the options for providing a satellite tele-vision service for MPs, Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State, Environ-ment, said in a written

### Fur exports

Total value of all furs exported from the United Kingmillion. M**r John Redwood** Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Quesrecess debates on a variety

of subjects. Lords (2.30): Debates on civil liberties and on population growth.

# 50-year Tories plead for people bully in difficulty on poll tax

vative MPs made clear their reservations about the community charge when MPs debated the issue yesterday.

They spoke of unfairness and called on the Government to help those finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Mr Mathew Taylor, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the environment, who opened the debate, said that the poll tax was transferring money from the already poor to the already rich. He pressed his party's case for

Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Local Government, in his first Commons speech since taking over responsibility for the community charge, said that as the new system settled down the basic principle, that nearly every adult should contribute to the cost of local services, was

widely accepted. Mr Taylor, opening the de-bate, moved that the Governaction to bring help to hard pressed poll tax payers this year and backdate it to the introduc-tion of the poll tax in Scotland. The motion also stated that the Government should change the tax so that it related directly to

He said that it was apparent only two months after the introduction of the poll tax in England and Wales that it was unaccountable, unfair and in-efficient. The report in *The Times* last week, that in some areas half of those liable had not yet paid any poll tax, showed the problems facing the Government in upholding its argument that the system was correct.

The most remarkable thing about it was that those who gained were embarrassed because they were already among

Most Conservative MPs took the view that some kind of change needed to be introduced. The Government could increase central government grant to local authorities. However, an extra £1 billion would save each adult only £28 and would miss those most in need of help. It was hard to believe that the Government would go down

Another option was to transfer control of police, education and fire services from local authorities. But that would have a knock-on effect on income tax nationally and would mean the centralization of services that most people believed should remain under local control.

The Government could improve the transitional relief scheme which was limited in application. An extension of that relief now, and retrospectively in Scotland, would target

grants. But all of that tinkered with the margins and did not tackle

the fundamental problem. Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) said that there was a possibility of moving away from the present system to banding from next year. One could have more than three bands to remove the discontinuity in the

Mr Taylor said that the problem would still remain. The

final option was capping most or all authorities. But that would be a disaster for local services and a grotesque centralization of

The local income tax pro-posed by his party would be collected through PAYE at the end of the year on the basis of the tax paid and the area in which the taxpayer lived.

It was alleged that the administrative costs would be unduly high, but existing Inland Revenue information could be used, thus saving £750 million in bureaucracy and getting rid of many bureaucrats in the process. The expansion of the Inland Revenue would be small because the structure was al-

Contrary to what was alleged, there was no new complex system to be introduced. It was said that it would be difficult to enforce; but that would not be so when compared with the poll

Mr Portillo said that rates were grossly unfair. That unfair-ness derived mainly from the fact that property values were no proxy for wealth or income and that any system based on property would repeat the injus-

Mr John Lee (Pendle, C) said that people like him were particularly unhappy at the gap between the new community charge figures and the low historic costs of the rates.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that if Derbyshire county council's standard spending assessment had been calculated on the same basis as Westminister's, the county council would not have levied a poll tax at all. It would be handing back money. The calculations had been made because of the political complexion of Westminster.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said Mr Portillo had made his reputation in the Department of Health and So-cial Security directing public assistance to those most in need. He should do so again.

Many people who were just beyond the line of eligibility for charge, but were by not stretch of the imagination well off were in difficulty in putting together the money for the community charge. The Government should look after those people who were finding it difficult to make ends

Mr Portillo said that the rebate system was much more generous than that which app-lied to rates, helping 10 million people on the lowest incomes. With transitional relief, it softthe change for 7,500

As the workings of the charge became better understood, it would bring improved accountability everywhere.

He was not surprised that in such a big upheaval many thought that some things needed to be adjusted and put right. He had been listening to MPs and to what those in local government had had to say.

The policy of not paying the charge was espoused by 28 Labour MPs. "How legislators in a democracy can advocate breaking the law is beyond my

# Attack on union boys'

industrial action once more, the Labour Party would be putting forward a proposal to make it easier for him to bring his bully boys back on the streets was not without significance, Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, said in the

Answering questions, he said that the Government had no plans to restrict the power of courts to sequestrate union assets. Any proposal to restrict that power would enable trade unions to flout the law with impunity.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) said that those who wished to repeal this legislation were frozen fossils - to use the words of Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians union - locked in a time warp. Mr Howard said that, unlike

frozen fossils, such proposals would have potential for wreaking infinite damage on the economic prospects of every man, woman and child in the



# **Economic sanctions against** S Africa 'almost irrelevant'

ECONOMIC sanctions against South Africa had become almost irrelevant as a result of irreversible reforms introduced by President de Klerk, Mrs Thatcher said during question

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) had asked her to confirm that her meeting with President de Klerk last Saturday had been extremely satisfactory and that she had found him a man of integrity and courage, and a man in a great hurry for reform.

"In those circumstances, will she continue to relax what few economic sanctions we have and withdraw from the Glencagles agreement and restore sporting links?" Loud Labour protests inter-

rupted as Mrs Thatcher replied. She said: "I think that everyone who saw or heard him has admired his integrity and cour-age. He has embarked on re-forms that are irreversible, to **PRIME MINISTER** 

go, through negotiations, to democratic government on a

"I believe that he deserves to The fully supported for the courageous reforms he is making. There is no case now for sanctions and they are almost irrelevant. Those who want South Africa to have a prosperous economy should not support sanctions in any way."

The Government is considered.

• The Government is spending an estimated 5p per British citizen on advertising in South African newspapers to tell British citizens there that they now have a right to vote in British

The cost per eligible citizen of telling them of their voting rights ranges from 2p in the Ivory Coast through a few pence in the "old Commonwealth" bring an end to apartheid and to according to a table in a written

Secretary, Home Office. Mr Archy Kirkwood (Rox-

burgh and Berwickshire, Lib Dem) had asked for an estimate of the cost of advertising the rights of voters under the Representation of the People Act. 1989, in each country. He also asked for a break-down of the cost in South Africa

and apportionment of spending there by race.

Mr Lloyd replied that in South Africa, advertisements were being placed in newspapers at a cost of £7,676. In addition, £2,250 had been allocated to diplomatic posts in South Africa-for local publicity or advertis-ing There was no advertising on radio or television. Spending had not been apportioned on the basis of ethnic grouping. A table gave estimated expenditure per eligible British citizen for about 140 countries, among the highest individual costs being £12 50p for El Salvador and £8 81p for Algeria.

# Government is highest taxer, says Kinnock

THE Government was the high-est taxer in British history. Mr Neil Kinnock told the Prime Minister at question time. He said that Mr John Major, the Chancellor, had admitted that earlier in the day, but Mr Major,

sitting close by, shook his head vigorously in denial. The Prime Minister countered with the claim that the actual level and rate of income tax had been reduced at all

Mr Kinnock: Will the Prime Minister confirm, as her Chan-cellor acknowledged earlier today, that under her Government the tax burden on British families is higher than under any government in history? (Labour

Mrs Thatcher: I will confirm that at all levels of income, the actual rate and level of income tax has been reduced, on earned income from 83p in the pound when we went into Downing Street to some 40p on top rate, and from 33p to 25p on stan-dard rate. People have done very well as to increased income and reduced tax levels (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: Yes, and after that disposable income has been obtained, people are faced with doubled VAT, higher charges and now poll tax, which is

Why is she still not admitting she is charging the highest burden of taxation of any gov-ernment in history?

Why are the Government and the Prime Minister so reductant to claim what is truly their record for being the biggest

taxers ever? Mrs Thatcher: I doubt very much whether the people will want to go back to 83p (on earnings) and 98p in the pound on savings income or to have taxes put up, as I understand he would like to.

Their incomes have gone up tremendously and most - no doubt all - have had a substantial increase in their standard of

Mr Kinnock: Does she recall making the promise that the share of the nation's income taken by the state will be steadily reduced? She ratted on steamy reduced? She fatted on that promise, of course, but will she admit, after 11 years, after all the North Sea oil revenue, asset sales and fiddles on pensions, that they are still the biggest taxers in history?

Mrs Thatcher: We have by far the biggest income in history,

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selves taking the decision, but

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most appropriate route. Min-

would be objections that that

put even more power in the

Sir Geoffrey has not settled on

any particular option, but the document points towards the

job's being given to a select

hands of the executive.

He has looked at the

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and the lowest tax rates since before the war. Under the Labour Govern-

ment spending had gone up and up but the Labour chancellor had not had the courage to finance it honestly, but had taken a public sector borrowing requirement of 9 per cent of gross domestic product, an amount which would now have been equal to £44 billion a year.

Dame Elaine Kellett-Bouman (Lancaster, C) said that the Government would not raise taxes on people with modest incomes, such as local government officers and nurses, while Labour, with increased prices and taxes, would "skin them

Mrs Thatcher said that many people on medium incomes, such as teachers, nurses, and police officers, would be adversely affected by price increases brought in by the Labour Party. She added that the Labour Party would never gain office so that it could implement

# Bill would fight drugs at school

THE drugs menace began in the classrooms and that was the place to begin the fight against it. Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said when given leave to introduce the Drugs Testing (Schools) Bill in the Commons under the 10-minute-rule procedure.

The Bill, which has little chance of becoming law, would allow the random testing of schoolchildren for drugs.

It was 20 years since an attempt had been made to introduce a similar Bill, he said. In the meantime nothing had been done and difficulties with drugs had increased. It was time

for more positive action.

"There is hardly a secondary school in the country that does not have a problem. Random testing is essential because if schoolchildren know that they are likely to be tested they will be less likely to experiment with drugs. For those already on the drugs trail it is important to identify them and offer early help to minimize the problem

Testing on youngsters from 14 upwards would be simple and 100 per cent effective, he added, and it would remove a strain from teachers, headmasters, educationists, medical officers, doctors and the health

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"This Bill is aimed at assisting people who over the years have attempted to stop children and others ruining their lives and, more often, their families' lives by taking drugs. Something more positive must be done. "As the Princess of Wales said

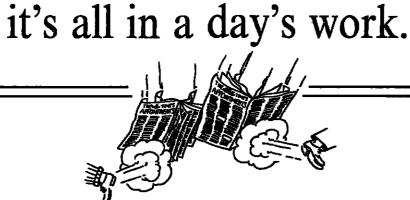
we should catch them in the classrooms before the dealers The problem was how to catch them and how to stop them before they became hooked. Random testing at schools would both deter and discover the problem. The drugs menace should be eliminated for the sake of our children and future grandchildren.

at a drugs conference last week,

# Advertising controls

Commons written reply. He said that he was aware of concern about certain advertising by some clinics. All those connected with advertising of clinical services had a duty to

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### Howe offers to clear blockage suit EuroRail when he wants a system that is going to last for • At the other extreme, schemes such as the Channel tunnel fast several parliaments.

A WAY of smoothing the Bill, to build a deep sea port at legislative passage of important Immingham on the Humber, works schemes, such as marinas. ports and even the Channel coal from South Africa, South tunnel fast rail link, is being put forward by Sir Geoffrey Howe, consultation document to be published in the next two or three weeks.

The steady flow of private Bills has run into increasing opposition from Conservative and Labour backbenchers and has threatened to clos the threatened to clog the parliamentary system.

Earlier this session, Sir Geoffrey was compelled to adopt a little used procedure to revive 20 private Bills that were opposed last year and were in danger of being lost.

Part of the opposition arose from the fears of Labour MPs that the Associated British Ports

America and Poland, putting at risk the future of marginal Leader of the Commons, in a British pits. Other MPs, how-consultation document to be ever, objected to what they published in the next two or considered to be primarily planning matters coming to the ommons at all: They believed that such matters were better dealt with by public inquiries.

Sir Geoffrey has completed discussions with the Cabinet Office and key ministers, including Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Christopher Pattern, Secretary of State for the Environment, on how to handle the matter.

He is understood to be rejecting any single solution in favour of a flexible strategy that will involve treating projects dif-ferently. At present, many go through the private Bill proce-dure. A few are hybrid Bills which have the backing of the Government, Road and other schemes go through the planning inquiry process.

Sir Geoffrey it proposing to use a mixture of all three. Essentially local planning projects, such as marinas, will go to public planning inquiries with little, if any, parliamentary involvement, perhaps by means of an order that can be debated if MPs insist. The argument is that many go the private Bill route only by historical accident.

rail link, which have national aspects, could have a planning The big question left partly unanswered by Sir Geoffice's investigation is: Who is going to phase as well as a streamlined private Bill-type procedure. project should follow?

• In between might be a ports scheme that has both local and national significance and could go through another version of the parliamentary and the pub-lic inquiry formula.

The proposals could affect the EuroRail Channel tunnel fast rail link. Mr John Fletcher, chairman of EuroRail, has told Kent MPs that he wants the Government to agree to the project's being treated as a hybrid Bill; that would guartee government support in the

lobbies, if not financially, Sir Geoffrey, however, is not prepared to tailor a solution to



As a next stage, he is to have discussions with Opposition parties and invididual MPs. Ministers are emphasizing that there is no question of imposing a solution on other parties. They recognize that on this issue, above almost all others, there must be co-operation between the parties. If the talks go well, Sir Geoffrey intends to publish his "green paper" this month or early next it will be the Government's official reply to the Joint

committee.

Committee of the Commons and Lords on Private Bill Procedure which reported two years Many of the ideas of the joint committee have been incor-porated by Sir Geoffrey in his

THE Department of Health is to look at the possibility of legislation to control advertising by private sector clinics, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said in a

ensure that people were not misled by false, doubtful, or exaggerated claims. Doctors, he added, had a special respon-

# Battle joined for question time

PUPPET MPs, long-winded ministers and manipulative whips all stand accused of of

The Commons procedure committee is demanding the end to planted or syndicated questions tabled en masse on behalf of compliant MPs to make sure that questioning of ministers, and particularly of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is dominated by "desirable subjects".

In an outspoken attack on the practices of many MPs and ministers, the committee recommends tight controls on the number of oral questions tabled by MPs to speed and sharpen exchanges in the House.

The committee has the support of Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, who has spoken of his frustration at the increasing abuse of question time, notably of ques-tions obviously tabled by whips or others in the name of an MP. He cited a recent trade and industry question time which proved "how iniquitous the system is". He said: "No fewer than 29 members were not present to ask the questins in which they were ostensibly interested. I suspect many of them were not even aware that these questions had been tabled in their name." The committee's investigation found that the number of oral questions appearing

The number of questions tabled for the twice-weekly Prime Minister's question time increased to more than 13,000 last session, occupying about 450 pages of the order paper. The average number of questions tabled for each 15-minute session is 200, but only rarely are more than five or six reached. By comparison, the highest number of questions Mr Harold Macmillan ever had to face as Prime Minister in one day was 10, and they were all reached.

The committee says: "That this is a

on the Commons order paper has risen from 8,175 in the 1980-81 session to 23,932

and material, is recognized on all sides; there was unanimity on this point in the evidence submitted to us". Some MPs blamed the increase in the number of research assistants for the huge rise in the tabling of questions, but the committee pointed to syndication as the

"By this we mean the practice adopted by parliamentary private secretaries (linkmen between ministers and backbench MPs) and, to a lesser extent, by whips of farming out pre-arranged groups of identical (or nearly identical) and often vague texts to a large number of individual members, with

a view to increasing the probability of 'desirable' subjects dominating question One Commons clerk estimated that a large majority of oral questions tabled to the Prime Minister are syndicated and up to half of those to other ministers. The only exceptions appear to be questions to Welsh and Northern Ireland ministers.

The committee concludes that syndication is "quite simply an abuse" which no one giving evidence had supported. "Indeed, we suspect that it is an

unwelcome feature of the House which began on a small scale and has mush-roomed, as each side has felt obliged to respond with every increasing vigour to the efforts of the other \*What is undeniable is that syndication has now very nearly taken over question time, turning it into yet another area of the House's activities which is organized —

some would say manipulated - by the business managers. Since the practice depends on the passive willingness of MPs to sign questions to be tabled in his or her name, the committee wants MPs to be compelled to hand in their questions personally and to be restricted to

two questions per minister It adds: "We recognize that this may be requirement. On the other hand, we believe that the majority of the House would be

willing to pay such a price in order to make syndication more difficult to organize." The committee also appeals to each MP not to become a party to syndicates. It says that those who do succumb are often caught out because their supplementary questions expose a lack of understanding of the subject and are rather desultory.

Verbose MPs and ministers are also

criticized by the committee for doubling the average time spent on each question. This is due, we suspect, partly to a greater tendency to put wordy, argumentative questions, as question time has, in the view of many members, developed an increasingly adversarial and overtly

partisan character in recent years."

The Speaker told the committee: " when it comes to long-windedness, ministers are sometimes the worst offenders, occasionally even reading a lengthy state-ment in reply to a question. This is not only

an abuse, it also provokes Opposition members into responding in kind."

The committee supports a new regime of brevity and it backs any move by the Speaker to enforce "later, more indirect spactions" against persistent offenders. Mr Speaker Hylton-Foster had been known to interrupt and call the next question if he felt that a minister was taking a minister was takin that a minister was taking an inordinate time to reply, it recalls.

The committee hopes that better controls will allow another three or four MPs a day to question a minister. That may not usher in a new era of near perfect parliamentary accountability, but it could help backbench MPs who are genuinely seeking answers to their carefully constructed questions. First Report from the Select Committee on Procedure: Oral Questions (Stationery Office; £7.15).

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# Vigilantes on patrol after black violence

From GAVIN BELL IN THABONG

THE embers of revolt are still began attacking vehicles and smouldering in a riot-form property, we were forced to black township in the heart of intervene to prevent crime. South Africa's goldfields, but But I believe we are more the immediate threat of a race war appears to have been averted.

The residents of Thabong in the Orange Free State resumed a semblance of normal life yesterday after a weekend of violence in which eight people were killed and about 40 wounded by police gunfire. General lawlessness claimed another victim on Monday, when a former black councillor of the township was stabbed to death and set alight by an angry mob.

The aftermath resembled Belfast after a bad night. Virtually every street was littered with burnt-out cars and barricades thrown up to impede police intervention. Smoke was still drifting from several stores which had been firebombed and looted.

The Holokile Beer Garden was evidently a prime target. Its façade wrecked, its iron grilles saved some of the stock from looters, but what the mobs were unable to steal they smashed and burnt.

A few stones were thrown at armoured police vehicles arguing that it should con-which took journalists to the tinue until a critical lack of scene, but it was more a desultory gesture than or-chestrated defiance.

Residents blame the police for the violence, by breaking up a procession of mineworkers and youths from the township on Sunday. Mr Eric us control criminal elements Daliwong, aged 30, said: among the youth. Providing the police don't provoke anypolice they are getting angry. If the police don't come, there is no trouble." His neighbour, cause: "I don't think it's right to throw stones and I'm glad it's finished, but I still have no job and I can't feed my family. That's the big problem. How can you live a normal life without food and money?"

police regional liaison officer, denies his men incited the

intervene to prevent crime. disciplined than security forces in some other countries. Our policy is simply to restore

throughout South Africa by the gradual dismantling of apartheid, with an emboldened black majority exerting its new political muscle. In Thabong, the conflict was sharpened by the bellicose rhetoric of right-wing vigilantes patrolling the adjacent white mining town of Welkom. Much of the lawlessness, community leaders to militant youths with no political affili-ations. Officials of the Mass Democratic Movement, an anti-apartheid coalition affiliated to the African National

with students in the township yesterday in an attempt to

It appears the youths were angered by a decision to suspend a black boycott of white businesses in Welkom, teachers and educational facilities in Thabong was resolved.

local MDM official, said: "We assured them we would address this issue urgently, and in return they agreed to help thing, I think calm can be

Although the boycott of-Moses, perceives a deeper ficially ended yesterday, virtually no blacks were seen in Welkom's business district. Township dwellers said many of them were still afraid of being accosted by the vigilantes. The only positive result of the conflict has been an agree-Major Johann Fouche, the ment by separate black and blice regional liaison officer, white mining unions to resolve future problems under

# Ranchers fight

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

after the last grey wolf was nature," Mr Rupert Cutler, killed in Yellowstone National Park, a great debate is to begin in Congress on whether to reintroduce the predator, however, are congressmen now an endangered species.

Idaho tabled a Bill in the nents include farmers and Senate yesterday to pave the hunters who believe the way for the animal's reintroduction. A similar Bill has wild animals and savage cattle already been introduced in the and sheep on nearby ranches. House of Representatives.

"The wolf is a symbol of the American wilderness and represents all we have lost in

# Mining ban sought for Antarctic

Oslo - Controversial proposals to scrap more than six years of Antarctic treaty negotiations in favour of absolute protection for the region are to be made public for the first time today at a symposium

here (Tony Samstag writes). The proposals, drafted last August by French and Austra-lian diplomats, include a total ban on mining.

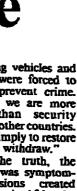
### Priest rebels at 'gang' funeral

Rome - Father Franco Rapullino refused Holy Communion to those attending a funeral in Naples on Monday of Nunzio Pandolfi, a two-year-old child killed in a Camorra shoot-out, because, he said, they themselves were responsible for the child's death (Paul Bompard writes).

### Crew 'laughed at stroke plea'

Oslo - Mr Haakon Ruud, aged 62, an eminent Norwegian architect, who suffered a stroke on a British Airways flight, claims his written plea for help was laughed off by cabin crew who assumed he was drunk, and he had to "half crawl" to a connecting flight (A Correspondent writes). The airline is taking the complaint seriously and is investigating

Mr Rund lost the use of his voice and was paralysed in his right hand 30 minutes into a 13%-hour flight last week from Botswana to Gatwick He scribbled a note asking for



order and then withdraw." Whatever the truth, the

Mr Mbulelo Bungane, a

clashes and says they acted the auspices of the Chamber of with restraint. "When crowds Mines.

# the wolf's return

MORE than half a century 200 years of exploitation of president of Defenders of Wildlife, said.

Lined up in opposition,

and senators from Montana Senator James McClure of and Wyoming whose constitwolves would kill off other "It may seem immaterial to someone who lives in New York, but if it is your livestock it is important," Mr Jerry Jack, executive vice-president of the Montana Stock Grow-

ers' Association, insisted. On Monday the National Park Service published a 586page report by independent scientists that appears to tip the balance heavily in favour

of restoring wolf packs to the park. The report concludes that the impact would be very small, and suggests that at least 30 wolves should be released to yield an eventual stable population of between 50 and 120, or five to six-

There would be only "occasional" raids on livestock, the report claims, and Yellowstone's elk population might diminish by 15 to 25 per cent. Bison might decline by 5 to 15 per cent, and mule deer by up

to 30 per cent. Wolves once ranged freely in North America, but were killed in their thousands by European settlers wanting to protect both their livestock and other wild animals which they hunted for food.

The systematic govern-ment-sponsored elimination of wolves in Yellowstone, through shooting and poisoning, was begun in the 1920s and completed in the mid-1930s. By the 1950s there were very few left anywhere in the continental US.

Public attitudes have since changed, and the grey wolf is now considered ecologically beneficial. To Miss Caroline Paseneaux, executive director of the Wyoming Wool Growers' Association, however, a "howling wolf" is nevertheless "a how of death for a rancher".

Miss Renee Atkins, a wildlife biologist, takes a more romantic view. "Some day a wee child will be bundled up and taken out on a cold, moonlit Yellowstone morning to hear wolves howling," she said. "There is still a little room left in the West for



South African playground: Children playing round a burnt-out car in the black township of Thabong, where eight people died in weekend riots

# Pretoria may tighten gun laws to curb hardliners

A TOUGHENING of South Africa's liberal gun laws, which at present allow people to buy almost any type of firearm, is being considered by the Government to curb the brazen

lante groups such as in Welkom (Ray Kennedy writes). Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said in parliament in Cape Town yesterday that open intimidation by people who continued to attend meetings with all display of weaponry by white vigi- sorts of dangerous weapons had

allowed to continue. He declared that if people were not prepared to listen to reason they would have to deal with the full force of the law. But Mr Vlok's statement fell far short of indicating

private hands. South Africa is one of the most armed societies in the world. Last year 130,855 applications for police and 124,415 were issued

# Deng is back in spotlight

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINA'S eldest statesman Mr Deng Xiaoping, aged 85 emerged from seclusion for the second time in just over a week, apparently reclaiming his mantle as supreme leader. His latest appearance comes after a period in which analysis have speculated that other veteran revolutionaries have been challenging his rule.

This time Mr Deng stepped into the spotlight to meet Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, and to restate China's uncompromising line on Taiwan in the wake of the Taiwan Presi-dent's latest proposals on improved relations.

President Lee Teng-hui offered at the weekend to establish open economic, trade and cultural exchanges if China set up a free economy and followed the example of the Soviet Union by renouncing one-party rule. China condemned the suggestions next day through its official mouth-piece, the Xianhua news agency, which angrily described Mr Lee's pre-

conditions as "impossible". For his part, and in his first public utterances on politics in several months, Mr Deng blamed the US for sabotaging reunification with Taiwan, citing continued US involve-



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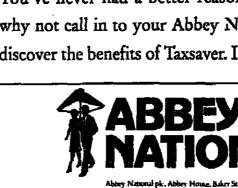
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# Romania's Hungarians lay claim to their past glories

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ALBA IULIA, ROMANIA

WHEN exiled King Michael of Romania was a boy, King Carol insisted that the heir to the throne take lessons each day with a Hungarian and German boy from Transylvania. Whoever ruled Romania in the 20th century, the King said, would be well advised to learn to converse fluently in the language of the two minorities which, together with Romanians, inhabit the northern areas of Transylvania and the Banat.

Today the Germans, often called "Saxons", are leaving Romania. Summoned by King Geza II of Hungary in the 12th century to defend Hungary's eastern flank, their forefathers have left their Teutonic mark on every church spire, walled town and cobbled square throughout the region.

The last of Germany's colonists in Eastern Europe, they can hardly be blamed, after enduring decades of repression, for leaving their homeland and preferring the security of the Deutschmark. The elections this week a rubberstamp Parliament, dominated

have only confirmed their deep-rooted suspicious that, as one Saxon farmer here said, "40 years of corruption cannot be removed even in a generation".

The pastor of the fairytale-like village of Schass remarked: "You can restore a building, but a man is less easy." By the end of the decade, very few of the 200,000 Saxons expect to be still here. To Romania's disgrace, this intelligent, honest and hard-working people will be lost to a country which needs precisely those qualities.

But if Mr Ion Iliescu, Romania's President-elect need not brush up his German, he would be foolish not to learn a few words of Hungarian. Preliminary election results here show that the Hungarians will be the second strongest political force in the country.

They will occupy as many as 27 seats in the Romanian Parliament which will once again offer scope to that Magyar parliamentary rhetoric which in the 1840s won Britain in spirit, if not in

by the National Salvation Front, will not column which was erected under satisfy the Hungarians. Unlike the Saxons, they have nowhere to go. Hungary today could not accommodate two million Hungarian refugees, even if such an inhumane solution were fea-

Even without the Transylvanian Magyars, Hungary appears set to have a Lebensraum problem towards the end of the decade.

Nor would the Hungarians willingly relinquish what has always been for them the cradle of their culture. Where the Saxons built and fought, the Hungarians commanded and wrote. In Alba Iulia, the ancient Apulum of the Romans known in Hungarian as Gyulafehervar, the Hungarian princes of Transylvania once ruled.

From the citadel's fortifications, still crowned by a mighty Habsburg eagle, the view stretches across the plain where in 1442 Janos Hunyadi, that most picturesque of Hungarian heroes, decisively

In contrast, Romania's glory here, such as it is, is confined to a grotesque

Ceausescu by an unhappy architect forced to invent some history to legitimize that dictator's transfer of hundreds of thousands of Romanians from the south of the country to Transylvania in

In the ancient, dusty cathedral, where stained-glass windows are smashed, lie the sarcophagi of Hunyadi and his wife. stone's throw away stands the Batthyaneum, a fabulous library of books founded by a Hungarian princebishop in 1794 and extensively looted by Ceausescu in the 1970s.

These and other abuses the Hungarians have never forgotten. The Front in Bucharest, however, remains silent over

Nearby, a Jesuit church converted into a gunpowder store is eloquent testimony how debased this unmistakably European part of Romania has become. Despite efforts to defuse tension which has flared into violence on several occasions here since the December revolution, the Hungarians' patience is clearly running out. Those who queued

to vote here did so with long, anxious faces. For the Magyars, the Romanians were forced to vote for the National Salvation Front.

"There is only one solution to Transylvania's problems and that is complete autonomy. Why should we be ruled by a corrupt clique in Bucharest who continue to deny us our fundamental rights?" asks Mr Gabor Szabo, a teacher in the town.

"You will see," says an old German woman preparing to join relatives in Stuttgart, "the Hungarians are never satisfied. There will be more blood spilt

here before long."

Mr Istvan Fischer, another teacher here, says the Hungarian success in the election is the result of their strong sense of community. "We have had to stick together for so many years. We will have to stick together for many more. These elections prove that we are always an island of civilization in a sea of chaos. But when I think of my children, I am afraid for the future.

West of here, in Timosoara, the capital of the Banat and the spark which ignited Timosoara calls on Bucharest to admit that the revolution began there on December 16, and not on December 21

What was

as Bucharest alleges. Article 8 of the Charter also demands that former Communist Party members should be banned from holding office for 10 years. This clause, not surprisingly, is spurned by the Front to the increasing anxiety and resentment of the people in

the Banat. In the short term all of Eastern Europe must reconcile itself to being poorer, more unstable and, in many ways, more corrupt than it has ever been before. For Romanians this will produce distortions which could rock even the well-developed system of control that the National Salvation Front has inherited from the Communists.

In comparison with Romania, Hungary is a staggeringly prosperous country. The differences in living standards which will open up between the two neighbouring countries over the next few years will serve only to exacerbate

# Yeltsin's bandwagon boosted by military

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

proved dramatically yesterday when pressure from deputies compelled the chairman to allow him to speak. Parts of his programme were then backed by a senior member of the Soviet military, destroying the negotiation of separate the military hierarchy might exert pressure to prevent Mr Yeltsin's election.

It was the first time in five days of acrimonious debate that Mr Yeltsin, who is the radicals' choice for President, had taken the floor, and his 10-minute address - on the sovereignty of the Russian Federation - earned him a standing ovation from about 30 supporters and loud applause from the Russian Federation's congress as a whole. Sensing perhaps that Mr Yeltsin's campaign was gathering strength, his supporters lined the pathway across the Kremlin Cathedral courtvard in an unprecedented demonstration of

Federation congress took many deputies by surprise, as

# Big rise in Soviet prices

From Mary Dejevsky IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachov's two supreme advisory bodies. the Presidential Council and the Council of the Federation, vesterday approved the Government's proposals for revising the basis of the economy from central planning to market principles.

According to advance in-formation, the package stipulates the doubling or trebling of prices for many basic goods and the gradual withdrawal of state controls - and the state itself - from many areas of the

On last night's main evening television news, Mr Gorbachov was shown in the chair at the meeting praising the reform plan. He observed. however, that some passages were still not fully worked out. The Soviet leader added that he hoped the programmewould finally get the Soviet

economy moving. Further information about the range of the proposals and the timetable for their introduction became available throughout yesterday. The retail price rises for bread and grain products, which are expected to treble, will come into force as early as July, six

months before all others. This is because the wholesale prices paid by the state for Soviet grain are to be nearly doubled in the coming season in an attempt to increase productivity and reduce purchases abroad.

The connection between the increased purchase prices and higher retail prices will, however, become clear only when the whole economic reform package is presented to the Supreme Soviet later in the week. Other price rises are to be submitted for "nationwide | he said, "then we would have discussion" before they are none of the problems we now made final. The same is true of proposed new social security

provisions. An advance draft of the resolution to be submitted to the Supreme Soviet after the reform programme is laid before it lists nine separate national harmony" - an pieces of legislation which are endorsement of Mr Yeltsin to be drafted before September to underpin the reforms.

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MR BORIS Yeltsin's chances there was a common assump of being elected President of tion that he would be pre-the Russian Federation im- vented from speaking. He delivered his speech to a hall silent in expectation.

He set out a 14-point programme to implement the sovereignty of the Russian Federation, which includes widespread assumptions that treaties with all the republics of the Union and with the federal authorities, a separate Russian citizenship and "complete political pluralism with a multi-party system regulated by law".

In an astute political move, his emphasis on Russian autonomy was balanced by a declaration of principle calling for unity and consensus "at this difficult and tense time in our history" and rejecting any idea of "confrontation with the centre" or of Russian sep-

The decision to let Mr

Yeltsin speak was only taken after much procedural wrangling. The debate on the sovereignty of the Russian Federation and the new Union treaty - to which Mr Yeltsin's address was a Mr Yeltsin's address to the contribution — was included in the agenda after extended squabbling last week, but no speaker was nominated, alhough reformist deputies may have assumed that the speaker would be Mr Yeltsin. Yesterday, however, it was announced that the speaker would be Mr Vitali Vorotnikov, the current unelected chairman of the praesidium of the Russian Federation's supreme soviet, or President.

The hall crupted in anger. Mr Vorotnikov is regarded as a politician in the old style and was widely expected to be retiring from his job at the congress. His half-hour address was pedestrian and conservative in tone, carefully balancing the perceived requirements of the republic with those of the centre and suggesting that little need

change except on paper.

Later, however, with President Gorbachov looking on from the gallery, a rival to Mr Yeltsin emerged, if only in terms of rhetorical skill and popularity. This was retired General Dmitri Volkogonov, a biographer of Stalin. He spans the extremes of Soviet politics - calling for a combination of more discipline and more *glasnost* — in an unusual way, which leads some to believe that he could represent the interests of the

The general spoke elo quently of the inadequacies of the Soviet political system which allowed too few real leaders to develop and so concentrated power in too few hands. To audible gasps from the audience, he said: "Our 70-vear historic experiement has ended - in historic failure." And he criticized the inability of the Soviet leadership to come up with any specific strategy to extract the

country from its present crisis. Hinting at one course that might be favoured by the military, he called for the establishment of "something like the Committee for Public Safety that was set up in France after the Revolution" to try to improve the "sad face" of Russia today.

General Volkogonov also called for a strong Russia, "If we had had a strong Russia", face in the Baltic, the Caucasus or Central Asia."

While calling for a return to discipline, the general also noted that Mr Yeltsin's proposals for Russian sovereignty "could form a good basis for



Guardians of democracy: Armed policemen keeping watch over uncounted Romanian election votes in the cellar of a court in Ploesti

# Voters give carte blanche to Iliescu

two-thirds of the votes from its composition was beginning yesterday evening. to emerge.

heading for just over two-thirds of the seats in the new parliament, Such a majority clearly gives the Front the power to pass any legislation it so chooses and to form a government of any complexion it likes.

The Front has always described itself as a "left-ofcentre movement". Its leader, President Ion Iliescu, has said on several occasions that Romania must evolve its own economic and social patterns but that he personally favours the development of a Swedishstyle social democracy.

A Front government is likely to move cautiously towards a market economy. Its and Romanians in the town of election is bound to reassure industrial workers who feared that any moves towards rad- since. However the party ical privatization would mean sponsored by the nationalist variety of illnesses directly whom were simply returning guise. The next two years will massive job losses and unmovement, Vartra Roman-attributable to the toxic emistor their old pre-war party. employment. Parliament's easca, appears to have done sions of local factories. While With so few seats in par- show its true colours.

parliament is to write a new cratic Union of Romania, constitution. With more than representing the interests of Romania's two-million-strong last Sunday's general election Hungarian minority, with counted by yesterday evening more than 7 per cent vote by

The union is, by definition, The National Salvation a single-interest party and Front has so far gained some hence its main concern will be 67 per cent of votes and is thus to secure constitutional guarantees for the rights of Romanian Hungarians. Their most fundamental demand is for separate schools and a separate university. The schools issue is already being resolved on the ground as new Hungarian-language schools reopen. but so far there has been an impasse on the question of reopening their ancient university in the Transylvanian town of Cluj.

> The fact of the union's obvious electoral success is bound to alarm many Romanians especially in Transylvania. Last March there were bloody intercommunal clashes between Hungarians Tirgu Mures and relations

From Tim Judah in Bucharest THE most urgent task facing second largest party looks set poorly in the elections gaining the Romanian greens are as liament it is hard to see how keen as their Western counterthe party, against which the

> counted, pip the Hungarian Union to the post for the position of second largest party, but yesterday evening they were trailing in third place with just more than 6 per cent. The Liberal's showing is a massive disappointment for its supporters, many of whom are intellectuals and professionals. The party favours a quicker and more radical move to a market economy than the Front and it probably stands to gain votes in two years' time if the new government fails to open up the

The new parliament's fourth party is the Romanian Ecologist Movement. It has gone cold in winter for so long. gained approximately 3 per cent of the votes so far

counted. Romania is one of the most polluted countries of Eastern Europe and new research has begun to reveal its serious effects on public health. In the catastrophic. The party's town of Copsa Mica, for membership and leadership have remained poor ever example, workers and their has been dominated by an families are affected by a wide older generation, many of

The National Liberal Party parts to bring pollution under Front addressed its most vitriaware of the massive scale of

the task. Since there appear to have been few, if any, pollution controls here over the past four decades, the job of cleaning up Romania and installing controls is going to be a long and expensive one. For this reason the Romanian Ecologists have declared that they government. will not oppose the opening of Romania's first nuclear power station at Cernavoda.

They say that being of Canadian and not Soviet design it is, in their opinion, safe and that they cannot oppose a "clean" source of power in a country where people have

The Romanian parliament's fifth party is to be the right-wing National Peasant Party. With a derisory 2.2 per cent of the votes so far counted the party's performance has been little short of

control, they are also well olic denunciations during the election campaign, can have any influence.

The question of how much influence the other main parties will have also remains to be seen. Before the election both President Iliescu and Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, indicated that they favoured the idea of a coalition

On Monday President Iliescu appeared to hint that this possibility might still be open. He said: "We want competent people. 1 personally support an opening towards all those who are ready to assume responsibility in the national interest."

Over the next few days it will become clear whether seats in the new government are really on offer to the opposition parties - and whether they would be prepared to accept them.

The National Salvation Front and its new government are now on trial. For months the Front has denied being the old communist party in disgive the Front ample time to

# Crowd attacks justice official

From Christopher Walker IN BUCHAREST

VIOLENCE erupted in Bucharest yesterday when Min-istry of Justice officials arrived to talk to hunger strikers at the site of the marathon anticommunist protest which has blocked the centre of the city for four weeks.

There were ugly and chaotic scenes as one member of the government team was attacked by protesters, who have been infuriated by the size of the majority won by the ruling National Salvation Front in Sunday's elections. The protesters claim the Front is merely a cover for Kremlinstyle reformed communism.

As angry members of the crowd shouled "Jos comunismul" (Down with communism), the official was forced to flee to the Intercontinental Hotel on the edge of the barricaded area described by posters as "an anticommunist zone".

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Tony Suau, an American: photographer who witnessed the attack, said: "It was very tense indeed. One protester jumped suddenly on the official's neck and tried to strangle him while other members of the crowd spat on .? him and kicked and hit him. It was some of the worst violence seen since the demon-

stration began on April 22.".... Minutes later there were more violent scenes as memin two official cars still hemmed in by a mob chanting anti-communist slogans and claiming that the election had been rigged by the communists. Voluntary stewards who have been policing the demonstration tried in vain to hold back the crowd and to keep them inside the barricaded zone.

Mr Teofil Pop, the Minister of Justice, one of those involved in the vain attempt to have talks, said that the government team had been dispatched by Mr Petre Roman, the provisional Prime Minister, who is expected to be confirmed in his post after the official results of the elections are announced on Friday. Mr Pop said that the team had been asked merely to talk to the hunger strikers, who are living in tents, to discover if they had any needs.

The protesters apparently rejected the Government's gesture and warned their supporters that, after the election, it could be expected that there would be a government attempt to break up the embarrassing demonstration.

# Estonia warned of job losses

From Anatol Lieven in Tallinn

without affecting most essen- Estonian Deputy, said that it tial services — Dr Edgar contained no details of tax Savisaar, the Estonian Prime Minister, warned yesterday that workers should brace themselves for considerable unemployment as a result of economic restructuring.

Introducing his Government's programme, the Prime Minister said inflation in the republic in the first quarter of this year was up by around 8 per cent over the final quarter of last year, and food prices had risen by 11 per cent suggesting a real danger of price rises spinning out of control. Dr Savisaar said his Government was committed to privatization, but that in the case of large industries this must be a gradual process beginning with the granting of shares to workers.

He said that the most urgent reforms concerned privatization, prices policy, and compensation for people who suffer loss of income as a result of economic change. Several laws would be introduced in the summer, and in October and November

cific enough. Mr Tiit Made, an Estonian Deputy, said that it reforms to stimulate foreign investment, though in his speech Dr Savisaar declared that a new law on this was tically that Estonian industry

AS A general strike by Rus- being criticized by some very difficult. Defenders of his and whether both currencies sian-speaking workers con- economists for not being spe- programme point out that it is will be in use at the same time. tinues for a second day — cific enough. Mr Tiit Made, an difficult to make plans when However, he announced the intentions of the Soviet Government, whose decisions still dominate the Estonian economy, were so unclear.

Dr Savisaar said that the Central Bank had put forward almost complete. The Prime no answers to the questions of Minister added pessimis- when a new currency could be being prepared, which will introduced, how cash could be was so obsolete as a result of changed from roubles to Esto-Soviet rule, that stimulating mian crowns and at what rate, foreign investment would be what will happen to savings,



However, he announced yesterday that the Government will present concrete proposals to parliament by June 1, and that the currency

will be introduced in the last

quarter of this year.

A Bill on land ownership is also deal with the return, to former owners, of property confiscated under Soviet rule. This could cause problems in all three Baltic republics, where the houses of people deported to Siberia were given to other farmers or split up between different families. and the lands of all the peasants were merged in

collective farms. Meanwhile yesterday the Lithuanian parliament was debating alternative drafts for a fresh compromise to Mr Gorbachov. None talked of suspending the declaration of independence, but one, listing laws which should be suspended, mentioned those establishing ownership of Soviet property, stopping the activities of Soviet military recruitment offices, establishing border guards and Customs and establishing citizens

# MEPs gain power with court ruling

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS IN A decision which will do terday's decision is important

much to boost the European power, the European Court of Justice yesterday allowed the Parliament to bring its firstever law suit against the Council of Ministers for bypassing MEPs in taking a decision on food safety.

The court agreed that Parliament could bring a case against the council for its decision in 1988 to limit the sale of food contaminated by the Chernobyl disaster without consulting the Strasbourg assembly. The ministers based their decision on an article of the Euratom treaty, which ignores Parliament's views, instead of Article 100 of the Treaty of Rome making parliamentary consultation mandatory.

Until now, Parliament has been unable to challenge any other bodies in the Community if it believes they have trampled on its interests. Only member states, the European Commission and the Council of Ministers have been able to appeal to the court to change the legal basis on which decisions are made. Yes- decision-making body.

for two reasons. First, it Parliament's quest for more explicitly recognizes for the first time the new powers given to Parliament under the Single European Act. The ruling spells out that if Parliament finds its interests are overlooked, it can now take legal action,

Secondly, the ruling reinforces the role of the European Court of Justice as a kind of supreme court, able to decide the relative constitutional functions of the three pillars of the Community the Council, the Commission and Parliament. This has substantial implications in the debate on "subsidiarity" - the principle that Brussels should leave to member states those issues best decided at national rather than EC level.

The court's agreement to look at the MEPs' complaint comes at a time when Parliament's proposals for more power are running into strong opposition from most member states, especially Britain and France, which want to keep the Council of Ministers as the Community's main

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# Mubarak warns of 'new war' in wake of Arab deaths

yesterday returned to Israel and the occupied territories after two days of sustained violence in response to the murder of seven Arab workers by a lone Israeli gunman.

Israeli and Arab commentthe deeper reasons for the local Arab leaders at Nazareth explosion of Arab unrest and directed urgent pleas to Mr severe disturbances in the Yizibak Shamir, the right-town on the heavy-handed wing caretaker Prime Minister, to reconsider his oppo-

Both Palestinians and leftwing Israelis maintained that only a big curiew operation by the Israeli Army was containing a further revival of the da which, after 21/2 years, had recently been reduced to a

of Egypt, the host of a meeting of the Socialist International, gave a warning that Sunday's killing of Arab workers at Rishon le Zion was merely the

Significantly, Palestinian that's not Ami — it's a unrest has spilled over into hunatic".

But it was the wider issue of despite tight control by the how to defuse Palestinian Jordanian authorities, the anger which preoccupied the large Palestinian population politicians. In Cairo Mr

buried yesterday, the day after

police killed at least 58 people

Security forces kept their distance when about 100,000

people marched in a funeral

top Muslim religious leader in

ified gunmen.

pital to his office. Witnesses

As crowds estimated at one-

cession. It took four hours to

beating their chests, lined the

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terday Jordanian police shot our Party leader, said after dead a boy, aged 14, during a riot at Irbid.

The product of the pro

Sporadic violence also continued in the occupied West peace process.

Bank and Gaza, where the Mr Shamir and his Likud Bank and Gaza, where the Arab death toll stands at 20 ators used the hill to point to after the rioting. Inside Israel, yesterday blamed Monday's

There were Arab-Jewish sition to Israeli-Palestinian clashes at Lod, near Tel Aviv airport, yesterday and bar-ricades and burning tyres ap-peared in east Jerusalem, where police used force to break up a march by several black flags.

Also yesterday Mr Ami Popper, aged 21, the immedi-In Cairo President Mubarak ate cause of this week's vipages of all Israeli newspapers. Police said he had repeatedly deserted from the army and immediate reason for the had tried to kill himself before wave of Arab unrest. Chief reaching the point on Sunday among the underlying causes, when he lined up Arab work-he said, was the huge influx of ers from Gaza by a roadside Soviet Jews to Israel, which and opened fire on them. Mr could "put an end to the peace Chaim Popper, his father, said process altogether and even the man he saw on television spark off a new Middle East was "not my Ami, not the Ami I know. His glance, those eyes,

Bomb tribute at

Yesterday Mr Shamir warned Arabs in Israel that they would achieve "nothing by violence", and appealed for calm so that negotiations could begin. Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, a leading right-winger, accused the PLO and Islamic fundamentalists of

'inciting" the current unrest. But the newspaper Haaretz said there was "an abundance occupied territories because "the basic conditions which caused the intifada have not only failed to be eradicated but have actually grown worse". It said Palestinians lived in "desolate and humilibombs and youths fired guns tants set off 11 bombs at the ating conditions", and rightly

> and their fear of a right-wing Israeli government. The result was "the opening of the second chapter of the inti-

supporter of the region's ingled in the crowd fired dependence movement, was kalashnikov rifles and rekilled on Monday by three volvers in the air after Umar Than Shamir warning him that supforces fired on a crowd of utes until the coffin was Administration until the coffin was

and official sources said 58 aides blamed the assassination people were killed and 300 on right-wing Hindus, while government officials blamed it on Muslim militants who third of Srinagar's population thought Maulvi Farooq was too moderate.

The militants denied they killed Manlvi Farooq. Known the funeral procession from supporters or representatives Islamia College to Martyrs of several groups, including Cemetery on the outskirts of the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front and the Hezbul Maulvi Farooq's rose- Mujahedeen, took the micro-covered coffin was kept in a phone at Islamia College to

head of the mile-long pro- responsible. Maulvi Farooq had long travel the four-mile route to advocated a political settlement for Kashmir, but in recent months called for

the cemetery. Thousands of men and women, weeping and independence. pushed the death toll in the Kashmir valley to about 460 since January 20 when the blood will bear fruit. We will Government began a crack-

Kashmir burial SRINAGAR security forces during the MUSLIM militants set off 11 rebellion in Kashmir, miliine crowd seemed to be expecting the blasts and bowed their heads. Then they screamed out independent in the air to honour a mur-dered. Kashmiri clergyman The crowd seemed to be

Maulvi Farooq's son, Umar, announced over loudprocession carrying the body speakers that his father's last of Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq wish was for "Kashmiris to and about 300,000 attended unite in the fight for speakers that his father's last his burial. Manivi Farooq, the independence".

An estimated 40 to 50 the Kashmir valley and a militant youths who had minmourners defying a curfew to buried. The crowd dispersed

carry his body from the hos- after the burial. Some of Maulvi Faroog's

gathered again yesterday, the Government withdrew all security forces along the route of truck that moved slowly at the tell mourners they were not

Yesterday's shootings As the funeral cortege down on an increasingly vireached Martyrs Cemetery,
olent separatist campaign of from above" established this year to bury bombings, kidnappings and the people killed by Indian assassinations.

AN UNEASY and fitful calm has erupted in protest. Yes- Shimon Peres, the Israeli Labthere was "no time to waste" in reviving the Middle East

Party are strongly opposed to the American attempts to bring about Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo, arguing that the US is trying to make Israel negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization on a much wider agenda, with the status of Jerusalem itself open to negotiation.

Moledet party dealt a blow to Mr Shamir's efforts to form a right-of-centre government inhundred Palestinians carrying dependent of his former Labour partners by withdrawing from coalition negotiations after he had refused to give Mr ate cause of this week's vi-olence, appeared on Israeli television and across the front control of the Ministry of Police. Many Israelis now believe - or hope - that Mr Shamir will either revert to a Labour-Likud coalition and agree to some form of the peace plan proposed by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, or call new elections on the peace issue.

of explosive material" in the

revolt had been reignited by the Arabs' political frustration fada" in which the army would have to pay an even higher price to maintain order.

Reports said senior Israeli port for Israel in both Conaway rapidly, with senior US officials coming to the view that the only solution was the establishment of a new state of Palestine on the West Bank and in Gaza.

The argument within Israel. meanwhile, rages around whether the perpetrator of Sunday's murders is a crazed individual with no link to the Israeli Government, as Mr Moshe Arens, the Foreign Minister, maintained yesterday - or, on the contrary, in some way reflects a "racist" current of anti-Arab feeling among Israelis, a mirror image of the growing wave of anti-Semitism recently seen in

Europe. Davar, the left-wing newspaper, had no doubt yesterday. The fact that the murderer vented his frustrations against Arabs by killing them "demands introspection from all of us", it said. The murderer had absorbed his ideas "from his surrounds and

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Patriarch Lutfi Laham, of the Greek Catholic Church in Jerusalem, remonstrating with a soldier during violent protests in the city yesterday

# Two Yemens merge in perilous quest for a prosperous future

and South Yemen became one the most populous, but also yesterday, in a merger that the poorest, in the Arabian ended 20 years of negotia- peninsula. The government of tions, tension, border disputes and sporadic warfare.

A ceremony held in the former British base of Aden marked the beginning of the new Yemen Republic, and the end of state communism in the Arab world. South Yemen, which had operated a hardline Marxist system, is now part of a country ruled by a joint parliament, committed to new elections with universal suffrage and political parties after 2½ years.

The end of subsidies from the Soviet Union had left its economy effectively bankrupt, and given it little choice but to join together with the more traditionalist and theocratic

the new republic will be headed by a five-man council drawn from North and South. under the presidency of the North Yemeni President, Mr Ali Abdallah Saleh. The parliaments of North and South will merge, and after two and a half years countrywide elections are scheduled, with men and women voting for a new national assembly. Mr Abdul Aziz Abdul

Ghanni, the former Prime Minister of North Yemen. who is tipped for a senior post in the new government, says that the elections should win



A bomb-disposal expert tackling one of two bombs found 50 yards apart in the Makati financial area of Manila yesterday. Attackers in speeding cars had earlier burled fragmentation grenades at two banks

THE two Arab states of North North. The new state will be parties. Anybody who likes to banned by the government. form his own union has the guaranteed right under the constitution to work openly," he said.

"Now, all the resources

which used to be devoted to

antagonizing each other will

be used for the benefit of the moment. It has taken a people, and for building an economic base for pros-That economic base, resting he said. on agriculture, light industry,

the hope of new oil discoveries, and optimistic plans for Aden as a free port, is perilously uncertain. There are other problems. Even now, the government

exercises only partial control over tribesmen in the North, who make big profits out of smuggling and occasional hostage-taking and are worried that unification may reduce their influence and their independence.

The Saudi Government, uneasy at the thought of a strong, united Yemen on its southern to gain from unity. border, is widely believed to have been supporting the relaxed customs, the former tribesmen, but many reports British base of Aden has Barcelona - A court jailed say that they have already felt already become a centre for David Lawrenson, aged 41, a the sharp edge of the tribes' young North Yemenis looking Briton, together with Eugen independent spirit.

One senior diplomat quotes a tribal leader as saying that he gladly accepts Saudi subsidies, but still does precisely as he chooses. "And he expects the capital, and politicians are subsidies to be paid promptly, and index-linked to inflation," the diplomat added.

Religious fundamentalists. also with the tacit support of the Saudis, have expressed their opposition as well. In particular, they are concerned that a clause in the new constitution which forbids "cruel and unusual" treatment will be used to stop floggings, amputations, and other Islamic punishments. They are also concerned about the role of women in the less theocratic society of South Yemen, where very few are veiled and where significant numbers have jobs as judges. diplomats and senior civil servants.

One religious leader has made a tape-recorded sermon. calling for the faithful to keep their weapons beside them in the months after unification. The tape was circulated in the markets, but immediately

India leaves 962 dead Hyderabad - A cyclone that struck India's south-east Andhra Pradesh state at 150

Mr Abdul Ghanni says

optimistically that the dif-

ferent societies will grow to-

gether. "Our constitution will

make the new country dif-

ferent from that which exists

in North and South at the

combination of what exists in

both countries, and the new

set-up is good for everybody,"

There are fears, though, that

the constitution, which says that local laws will remain

unchanged until the new par-

liament considers them, is

simply putting off trouble until later. Certainly, there is

anxiety in South Yemen that

strict religious laws may be

for the kind of night life and

relaxation that is frowned

the new republic's economic

hoping to re-establish it as a

discoveries in the border areas

which used to be disputed

between the two countries. Ministers say they hope Ye-

men will develop into a

There are hopes of new oil-

major regional centre.

leading oil producer.

Aden is also to be named as

upon at home.

imposed on them.

mph, whipping up 23-ft tidal waves, killed 962 people, officials reported. Dozens of villages are still cut off and officials fear that the death toll could pass 1,100. About 8.8 million people in 54

Cyclone in

affected (Reuter) Actress stable

towns and 5,165 villages were

Los Angeles - The actress, Elizabeth Taylor, aged 58, who came close to death in her battle with pneumonia, is in stable condition and will remain in hospital for at least another month, her spokeswoman said. (Reuter)

Minister guits

Ottawa - Mr Lucien Bou-But the South, which has chard, Canada's Environment Minister, has resigned after it was revealed he had sent a been trying to shake off its reputation as the Arab world's only Marxist state and the telegram of support to the former training ground of a wide variety of terrorists and separatist movement in French-speaking Quebec, of-ficial sources said. (Reuter) extremists, has probably most

With its open bars and more Drug terms

Obert Bjellad, aged 51, a Norwegian, for four years, for trying to smuggle 200 lb of hashish into Spain from North Africa. (Reuter)

Scallop ban

Tokvo - France, which imported 4,348 tons of Japanese scallops worth £22.5 million last year, has banned such imports, apparently because of fears of poisoning, a Japanese Fisheries Agency spokes-man said here. (Reuter)

The question is whether the new oil and the hoped-for trade and industry can pump money into the new country's shaky economy quickly

enough to get it over the difficult first few years. World War landmines in the desert near Tobruk, the Libyan news agency, Jana, said. (Reuter) ARABIA SEA NORTH YEMEN San'aa SOUTH YEMEN San'as GULF O nearly 35 per cent of them had. Wives' faith in their

Mine deaths Tunis - Seven people, working for a West German company, were killed by Second

Blind faith

misplaced. (Reuter)

New York - Three American husbands in every four told a survey they were certain their wives would never cheat, but

husbands had been equally

# Brain drain of the Australian boozer

From Robert Cockburn in Sydney

Australians last night were staring deep into their pots of amber nectar trying to contemplate why they are eight times more vulnerable to alcohol-related brain damage New York state has found than drinkers in other West- areas of Australia showing em countries

Those who remembered to go home found themselves confronted by news programmes dominated by an mortems in Western Australia assault on the nation's principal pastime.

Highly disturbing health lifestyle, emerged yesterday in of the capacity to get "face-less", or with the ubiquitous The Federal Minister for

WHEN an Australian drawls which they tend to drink, "I wouldn't give a XXXX for Yesterday's campaign lannch, any other beer" he could well by Mr Peter Staples, Minister mean he simply cannot think for the Aged, Family and of the word he is searching for. Health Services, asked all Australians to face up to the "widespread and alarming" incidents of brain damage behind the drinking myth.

A comparative study with levels of brain disease caused by alcohol eight times higher. Queensland is particularly badly affected, while posthave recorded 2.8 per cent.of all hospital patients affected.

The habit of continuous statistics, linked to diet and drinking without taking food causes the worst impairment a government purge on a habit through loss of vitamins, and now said to be impairing the in particular a thiamine shortperformance of the country as age leading to chronic mema whole. The problem lies not Ory loss A recent suggestion just with the macho Aussie was to add essential vitamins male, who built a culture out to Australian brewed beers to

drunks seen making homes in Health, Mr Brian Howe, will Sydney bus shelters. Poli- consider banning alcohol ticians and company exec- advertisements on TV after utives are now deemed to be receiving figures showing 30 most at risk because of the per cent of Australian road large quantities and the way in deaths were caused by alcohol.

MONROVIA NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

# Witchcraft and magic in Graham Greene country heroically vulgar decor. The well-

he revival of a sensational case involving a ritual killing has given Liberians something else to gossip about besides the nasty little guerrilla war spreading through their country. The latest twist came from the release from jail of a man who had admitted cutting off the head of a policeman sacrificed in a ceremony said to have been part of a plot to topple President Samuel Doe.

Also set free was a self-styled "jujuman" who had performed the rites that involved tearing out the heart and draining the corpse of its blood. While both had loud praise for Liberian justice, the explanation for their release - which occured without the knowledge, let alone approval, of the judge before whom they were due to appear seems to have more to do with politics and power.

Still firmly behind bars are the former Liberian Defence Minister, Gray Allison, and his wife, Watta, both of whom have already been convicted of ordering the policeman's killing. Allison, a former major-general, had once been one of the most powerful men in Liberia, a trusted ally of President Doe since helping him take power in a bloody coup 10 years ago. At been beheaded and that of another

their trial, Allison claimed that he had been framed by unnamed "enemies" jealous of his wealth and position. He was sentenced to death (his wife got life) but somewhat surprisingly, given President Doe's lethal track record with opponents - he is believed still to be alive in jail in a remote corner of the countryside.

s the Allison case shows, A there is a widespread belief among Liberians in the powers of witchcraft and magic to help them through everyday life. This goes far back beyond the arrival of the few thousand freed slaves from the United States who "founded" Liberia early in the 19th century, briskly incorporating the resident tribal population into their new country.

These days the local press devotes loving attention to any incident seemingly linked to ritual murder and the activities of the socalled "heart men". Just last week the headless corpse of a very young baby was discovered in the Du river that flows through the capital. A few days ago the front pages were devoted to the grisly discovery of the bodies of three men who had

who had been sexually mutilated. But by no means all the witchcraft involves taking human life. The elderly "jujuman" involved in the Allison trial readily agreed that he performed sacrifices of animals in the course of business "but nothing bad". His most profitable line, it appears, is assisting clients to overcome problems of infertility: with three wives and 20 children himself, he hardly need to

There are harmless charms and potions for star-crossed lovers, students dreading exams, the managers of football teams and aspiring executives seeking an edge over rivals. In one celebrated instance, a police officer acquired a magic baim that would protect him from all harm on duty. Alas, he prevailed upon a colleague to fire a "test" shot at him and did not live to get his money back.

ecently there was a splendid send-off for the late lamented Rev Robert Lewis Knuckles, a much loved member of the Liberian United Methodist congregation. The singing was particularly fine, but then, it is wherever you go here and especially in church. On any Sunday, Doric columns, a casino of almost

when the usual bedlam of Monrovian street life is stilled. visitors need only follow their ears to track down some beautiful choral sounds. My knowledgeable taxi driver reckons that the very best choir is to be found at the Gate of Heaven Bethlehem Pentecostal Church, 10 years old this month and going strong.

On the other side of town, in every sense, there is some tremendous music most nights in the establishments clustered around the aptly named Gurley Street. The trios and quartets performing in agreeably seedy bars may occa-sionally lack talent, but they more than make up for that with sheer volume and boundless energy. As for the dancing, to use the word loosely, one can say with some assurance that the Rev Knuckles would not have approved.

here is not much to sing about now up at the Africa Hotel, built a decade or so ago to accommodate an annual gathering of the Organization of African Unity. Like similar monuments dotted around the Dark Continent, it was designed on palatial lines. Acres of marble,

heeled businessman will find all the facilities he wants here, but that type of guest is rapidly becoming extinct in Liberia. Every day the little colony of

expatriates putting away local beer by the crate dwindles as one after another the mining and logging companies pull their men out until what everyone calls "the situation" is resolved one way or another. Intriguing snatches of conversation drift along the bar. One man had come here to start an internal airline with an Antonov troop carrier purchased from the Soviet Union; another calls himself a freelance gem consultant, which is apparently shorthand for diamond smuggler.

The self-styled Dutch mafia, big friendly fellows, worry whether urgently requested supplies coming in on KLM will arrive in time for their next evening of pea soup and herrines.

In the coffee shop, pale Lebanese whisper to each other about complicated currency deals before heading off to gamble madly at the tables. Outside, the Atlantic surf is roaring in, snatching away a bit more of the hotel beach. Graham Greene country, really.

# Into battle, cautiously

**Martin Jacques** 

he poll tax debate has peaked; the Conservatives have passed the local election test without too much damage, Mrs Thatcher has, for the moment at least, survived the worst crisis of her third term. It is a reminder for Labour that, while governments may lose elections, oppositions should not rely on them to do so. Meanwhile, the focus has switched to Labour and its own offerings. Today its national executive committee will adopt the final version of the longrunning policy review, from which it will draw its next election

It is a dull document. True, it contains some good ideas, but there are no riveting themes. It is pervaded by an atmosphere of caution and timidity. The prob-lem starts, not surprisingly, with economic policy. This is where Labour feels at its most insecure. It is haunted by memories of the past, by its failure in the 1960s and especially the 1970s. Economic policy has been the one area of political debate where Thatcherism has won the argument hands down. Little remains of the old nostrums of Labour economic

Above all, the purpose of this document is to assure voters that Labour will behave itself. Taxes will be raised, but only on the wealthy; public spending will be kept in check; inflation will be a key priority; and to underline the promised virtuousness, the discipline of the EMS exchange rate mechanism will be embraced and

Of course, all this is easier said than done. Labour will come under pressure from its own supporters to deliver some of the goods which are displayed, though for the most part deliberately not promised, in this document. It is pressure that, by and large, I think it is likely to resist. The conver-

sion, in other words, is complete. And for two reasons. First, it has indeed lost the economic argument, as the left has lost it virtually everywhere. And secondly, and more important, the internationalization of the economy has undermined the idea of national economic policy as previously espoused by the socialdemocratic model. Trade controls are no longer feasible; nor is expansion in one country. The ERM will mark the end of interest rates and the exchange rate as an instrument of policy. Credit controls are much less potent than they used to be. What is left is simply taxation and public spending. An era is at an end. Once the cause of the left was intimately tied to its economic beliefs; now it

is shorn of them. Labour's claim to a distinct identity must therefore be sought outside the economic arena. But where? The text, as I said, is

B efore going into a board-room lunch with several

world of new technology, I

found myself having a glass of

wine and a sandwich while

standing next to the very man

who had organized the comput-

erization of directory inquiries.

He seemed a little stiff, so I

thought I would relax him by

asking him how many sand-wiches he usually managed to

"The answer you require", he said — a shade formally, I thought — "is: 0-7-1-0-1-8-9-3-

"Pardon me," I said, "I didn't

"I repeat," he continued, "the

answer you require is: oh, s'heaven! one's a hero! one ate nine free for tea!"

"Pretty good going!" I said, helping myself to another.

answer you require is ....

'I repeat," he continued, "the

Luckily, just as he was about

to go on and on about it, the

alarm system sounded for lunch, and we all trundled in.

We gathered around the ta-

ble, ready to sit at our allotted places. The chairman of the new

technology luncheon, who is

also a leading figure in the world

of the fax machine, eased into

his chair at one end, only to

emerge at the other end, sec-

onds later, with his left arm

It is always difficult in these

situations to know whom to talk

to first. As we got started on the

smoked salmon, I turned to a man on my right, who, I learnt from his handy lapel badge, is

one of the country's prime

movers in the multi-million-

pound answerphone business.

How, I asked him, is the

answerphone business doing

"I'm sorry," he replied, very chirpily, "there's no one in at

the moment. Please leave your

name and your number after the

beep and I will get back to you

I was a little taken aback. "I

"Becep!" he interrupted me.

"It's Craig Brown here." I

said, somewhat embarrassed.

"I'm talking to you at lunch-

time. Could you get back to me as soon as possible?"

was wondering ... " I said.

and a silence followed.

slightly askew.

these days?

on my return."

eat at this type of reception.

quite catch that."

major figures from the

confident and thoroughly modern on consumer rights, training and the environment, for example. But as a whole, it lacks a cutting-edge. It plays for safety. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the review is clearly economics-driven, thereby lending a cautious and conservative feel to the whole document. This is not a party which wants to take any risks or set any agendas. It does not want to step an inch out of line from where it thinks public opinion is. After all these years in the wilderness, Labour craves respect-

The problem with this approach is that it may not provide people with enough reason to vote Labour. Even on its natural territory, social justice and the welfare state, one gets a feeling of caution, or at least an unwillingness to experi-ment and think big. It remains a vote-winner for Labour, but there is little to excite.

Yet lurking in this document, one senses, there is the beginning of a new agenda which is different and does have the capacity to enthuse. Take Europe. The events in Central and Eastern Europe, together with the Kohl-Mitterrand proposals, open the prospect of a very different continent. Is Britain going to be a full-hearted participant in the debate or not? Labour could present itself as the European party, a party with a sense of history and vision, one that can rise above party point-scoring. On the evidence of this document, it will not. There is no sense of the wider arguments, of the decline of the nation-state and the necessity of an integrated European future. It remains the cautious European, edging pragmatically forward, still driven too much by the thought of

upstaging Mrs Thatcher. Then there is the question of constitutional reform. If you add together the various proposals an elected second chamber, assemblies for Scotland and Wales, English regional assemblies, a Freedom of Information Act - the package is pretty formidable. It marks the beginnings of a decisive break with the antiquated, centralized state that Britain remains and to which Labour has historically been party. But is it presented like this? Yet again the details of policy swamp the broader themes. The Alliance parties made a rather better fist of it in the mid-1980s.

Labour has fully embraced the current economic orthodoxy. It remains strong on social compassion, if lacking in novelty. And it certainly has some feel for the new world of the 1990s. But on this evidence, it does not have a new agenda. Or rather, there is the embryo of a new agenda, but Labour does not as yet have the confidence really to go for it. It will have to hope that Thatcherism's crisis is as deep as it peppered with good ideas. It feels appeared to be two months ago.

thought that I might be better off talking to the person on my

right. Over the other side of the

table, I could hear the man from

Telecom still saying, "The answer you require is..." and I

felt glad not to be sitting next to

someone with such stilted small

talk. Glancing at the lapel of the

man on my left, I saw that he

was the managing director of a

major distributor of word

processors. I have been toying

with buying one, so I asked him

which he would recommend.

"How much of spending thinking were you?" he asked.

"I'm sorry — I didn't quite catch that," I said.

pounds product thousands

Luckily, the person on his other side explained all.

selves automatically into alpha-

betical order," he said, "I think what he last said was that, 'For a

thousand pounds you can buy

smiling appreciatively at this

helpful young man. "And what

line of new technology exactly

"Thank goodness for that," I

exclaimed, for I feel that I know

where I am with videos these

days.
"All his words regulate them-

"Videos," he replied.

"Thanks very much," I said,

"All his words regulate them-

you," he replied.

what he was saying.

an excellent product'."

are you in?"

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I was frankly at a loss to know

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

John Maddox calls for restrictions on greenhouse gases but warns against oversimplification

# Let reason rule on global warming

Now that the risk of nuclear warfare has receded, the threat of a general increase in the temperature of the surface of the earth looks likely to take its place. Yesterday The Guardian published a leaked report by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which will further accentuate alarm about the greenhouse

After 40 years of speculation and calculation, there is now general understanding of what that means. The Earth's atmosphere is crucial for making the surface habitable. Much of the sunlight reaching the surface is converted into infra-red radiation which cannot directly escape into planetary space because of the water vapour and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

That is the natural greenhouse effect. Were the atmosphere otherwise, the climate would literally be like that during the last Ice Age far too cold for human habitation except in the tropics. But the

B rooding on the prospect of global calamity seems to have become a passion. atmosphere is now loaded with gases that either did not exist before the Industrial Revolution or which are now more plentiful.

The most significant is carbon dioxide, produced by the burning of all fossil fuels - coal, oil and even wood. On present trends, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will have doubled by 2035. But the greenhouse effect is also likely to be enhanced by the chemicals called CFCs, widely used as refrigerants, and by methane, which is increasing rapidly for reasons not properly understood.

There is no controversy about these developments, but their consequences are much debated, as will be the IPCC report when it is published in full. While there is no dispute that extra amounts of the greenhouse gases will raise the temperature at the surface of the earth, there is great uncertainty as to the extent and the timing.

That is not surprising. Only computer simulations can tell how the climate will change. The best models predict an increase of average temperature of 4°C by 2035, but that may be substan-tially abated when better models

(which should be more plentiful if the temperature increases and which would reflect more sunlight back into space).

As for the timing, present models do not adequately cater for the interaction between the atmosphere and the oceans, which can absorb large amounts of heat and may thus delay any predicted degree of global warming. Plainly it is of great practical importance whether there is less than half a century to cope with a 40 increase

or perhaps twice as long. Predicting the effects of climate change is more difficult still. The Guardian's leaked report takes the computer predictions as given, estimating the consequences for weather patterns and agriculture. If the leaks are accurate, the report seems incautiously oversimple.

On one crucial point, for example, it is said that American influence in the world will be undermined by the collapse of US agriculture caused by global warming. Yet the most elaborate study of that issue, by a group of US agronomists which appears in

can take account of real clouds crop production and grain exports could be maintained but at considerable cost - chiefly that of increased irrigation. That conclusion depends on the increased efficiency of photosynthesis, as does carbon dioxide concentration increases. No allowance is made for crop improvements likely to be engineered by biotechnogologists.

The leaked report also predicts the reappearance of malaria in Europe, as if average temperature is the only determinant of this and other tropical diseases. But it could well be to the advantage of developing countries that rich Europe had a self-interest in eradicating them. Rich countries would also benefit if a proper regard for global warming forced a reappraisal of some of the costly environmental restrictions now widely accepted.

Why in the meantime do even UN committees put out over-stark warnings of what climate change would mean? Among greenhousemongers there is a general opinion that governments will listen only to horror stories. What if governments are now smarter than they are supposed to be? But there is one sense in which the alarmists are correct. The natural greenhouse effect is real - it keeps us warm - and the continued accumulation of carbon dioxide must at some point change the climate. The dispute is simply about how much and by when. So something must be done. What?

The most urgent need is for an international convention to remlate the production of greenhouse gases (luckily the CFCs are already regulated by the 1987 Montreal Convention, intended originally to safeguard the ozone layer). The difficulties in reaching such an agreement will be huge. How will quotas for greenhouse gases be distributed between rich and poor countries? Will they be tradeable? What is the best balance between avoiding change and adapting to it and how will that be decided? Given the slow pace of diplomacy - it will have taken almost 20 years to negotiate this year's superpower agreement on strategic arms - the sooner a start is made, the better. Luckily, a start is to be made in November. The author is Editor of Nature.

# Curing the Greek disease -or is it just all show?

Andrew McEwen reports on attempts by the new prime minister to come

to grips with the worst corruption and overmanning in Western Europe

he strike which paralyzed much of Greece yesterday was not a good omen for Constantine Mitsotakis after only six weeks as prime minister, or for the long overdue austerity measures he has promised. While it may yet prove to be no more than a token challenge by the unions, the shuttered shops and deserted airports hardly suggested a nation ready to purge itself after eight years of financial

Much was heard of the need for catharsis during the three elections campaigns Greece has endured in the last 11 months. Mr Mitsotakis used the word in its better-known sense to call for a cleansing of public life, reeking from the Bank of Crete scandal and a lack of moral leadership. As used by Aristotle, however, the word has a more apt meaning an outlet for emotions afforded by drama. It is not too cynical to ask how much of the present situation is substance, and how much theatre.

Greece faces the most serious economic problems of any EC member, and has acquired some of the worst habits of corruption. Mr Mitsotakis is a man of quiet dignity far removed from the hustling populism of Andreas Papandreou, his socialist predecessor. Few doubt his sincerity in wishing to tackle both problems, even if he has started more cautiously than some would have liked

What is in question is the willingness of the Greek people to take seriously anyone who preaches austerity and rectitude. In a country where 40 per cent of gross domestic product comes from the black economy, the people have a measure of security that official figures fail to reflect, The years of socialist rule (1981-89) saw mismanagement and corruption grow very much worse, but they were not the socialists'

"It is the government that is poor, not the people" is a familiar refrain based on the evidence of

bustling shops and restaurants, but this prosperity is partly il-lusory, based on Papandreou's spendthrift policies, which left Greece with debts equivalent to a year's gross domestic product.

Two familiar sets of players have re-entered the stage since last week, when the first phase of economic measures was an-nounced. This included raising the government-fixed prices for basic foodstuffs, bus fares and other essentials, including fuel. It was followed on Friday by plans to privatize 21 heavily indebted state-owned industrial companies and close seven "ailing industries". Many more state companies will face a similar fate later, but some protection for the unemployed has been announced. The 20,000 employees of the "ailing industries" who will lose their jobs will receive full salaries for a year, and the government will provide retraining.

There is much more to come. In an interview with The Times, Mr Mitsotakis promised a tough budget by the end of the month to reduce the huge deficit, but said it would take about three years "to get it down to an acceptable level". He did not define "acceptable", but as the 1989 public sector borrowing requirement was equivalent to 22 per cent of GDP, there is a long way to go.

The players have been deployed as follows: entering from the right are the Greek middle classes, represented by Mr Mitsotakis's New Democracy party, with scripts annotated by the European Community, the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. These were the unheeded Cassandras of the 1980s, who now feel their prophecies of economic chaos have been proved right. Witness the fact that under Papandreou, state ownership of industry increased to 70 per cent. "We share the same problems as Eastern Europe,"

Mitsotakis says. Entering from the left is a cast



led by the future jobless. (Many of these, however, have something to fall back on which is hidden from the notoriously inefficient Greek taxman.) Union leaders supporting their cause object to the government's intention to end the effective index-linking of pay.

Mr Mitsotakis, who is a robust 71, correctly calculates that, even with only 150 New Democracy MPs and one supporter from another party in a parliament of 300, he will have little difficulty in forcing through the factory closures. The vast majority of the public long ago accepted the folly of pouring drachmas into dead industries. The abuse of patronage reached extraordinary proportions: Mr Mitsotakis says it continued until very recently, with the government payroll being swollen by 100,000 employees, most of whom were "completely useless". Indeed, the government does not know how many civil servants there are, and is only now

conducting a count. Some state industries, the prime minister said, were over-staffed four or fivefold, or even more. For example, Olympic Catering, which provides food for the state airline, achieves only one eighth of the productivity per head of a similar French company.
As for the tax system, it is in

such chaos that Mr Mitsotakis said he will seek advisers from Britain. The system is distorted not only because there is large-scale tax evasion, but because 900,000 farmers pay only indirect taxes. This anomaly may have been justified 10 years ago, when there was still much agricultural poverty, but by the late 1980s it had become a scandal. Mr Mitsotakis intends to implement an existing law which will enable him to tax the farmers, though he concedes that they will still pay less than other groups.

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ithough the source of frequent complaint, the higher prices, particularly bus fares, and an increase in income tax will not bring down the government. It is in no one's interest for Mr Mitsotakis to fall, but some are keen to ensure that his broom does not sweep too clean. The socialist party, Pasok, is unlikely to block the economic reforms.

Mr Papandreon must be hoping that charges against him will be dropped, especially as his electoral support held up well in the June, November and April elections; but Mr Mitsotakis strongly denies that he has reached any deal with his left-wing opponent. "All these stories...are baseless. Nothing can stop the judicial process. It is possible that Mr Papandreou will be acquitted, but one cannot stop the charges." However, Mr Mitsotakis is not a vindictive man, and he managed to work with Mr Papandreou in an interim government earlier this year. No one will be surprised if other scapegoats are found for the Bank of Crete scandal.

Nor will there be much surprise if it turns out that Mr Mitsotakis's real priority is not economic but electoral reform. Until Greece's proportional representation system is modified in a way which allows governments to govern with a reasonable majority, their scope for real change will remain limited. Many think this explains why his proposed measures do not go even further. Greece may have to face yet another election before long.

# The man who took the bait

that the longest-running play in West End history has never been made into a film. The owner of the film rights to Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, which has all the potential for a cinematic blockbuster, is clearly sitting on a goldmine. Well, up to a point, When Richard Attenborough left the play after a two-year stint in 1954 there was, as Sir Peter Saunders, the producer, admits, "a temporary dip in business". Immediately the film moguls moved in; Sir John Woolf, then of Romulus Films and now chairman of British and American Film

theatrical history, with the play

rolling inexorably towards its

Solicitors have been consulted.

and letters exchanged, but both

men - and their legal advisers -

agree that the contract is water-

tight. "I remain good friends with

Sir Peter Saunders," says Sir John.

"We lunch regularly and I try to

persuade him to let me make the

film, but he won't budge. He says

it is going to run for 50 years." Sir

Peter, in turn, has offered to buy

back the rights at their original

1954 price. The offer is not quite

as generous as it might appear. Sir

John paid £10,000, and the last

16,000th performance.

selves automatically into alpha-betical order," he added. I Holdings, snapped up the film realized with a start that the rights. He says: "Having seen helpful young man was on a poorly-attended matinée, I automatic rewind. thought it could not last very "Yes, that's right," he said, much longer and so happily signed though I couldn't remember a contract which said no film asking a question, "I have could be made until six months indeed switched to fastafter the West End run had finished." The rest, of course, is

forward." "Have you switched to fastforward?" I then asked. By this time, I was hopelessly

muddled, so I was grateful when the chairman - the kingpin in the fax world - slid out of his chair to re-emerge at the other end of the table with a foot missing, announcing the end of

Over coffee, the man from Telecom sidled up to me and said: "The answer you require is..." At this point, I made my excuses, got into my laptop PC, pressed the Exit button, and Having left my message, I disappeared.

offer he received, from an Italian film company, was for £750,000. Unsurprisingly, if optimistically, he has decided to hold on to his unrealizable asset. Tt has always seemed strange

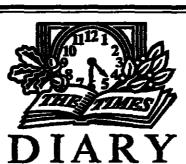
Sir Peter is confident that the production, which has remained unaltered since the early Fifties apart from the removal of references to food rationing, has many years of stage life left. "There is a



whole new audience," he says. "Children who were taken to see it 30 years ago are now coming back with their children." Sir John seems to share the prediction. "I have passed the film rights on to my sons," he says. "With a bit of luck, my grandchildren might live to see the film made."

# Thorny ground

rs Thatcher's insistence at the Chelsea Flower Show that red roses could not be "hijacked by any political party" does not extend, it seems, to roses of a delicate pink. She was not heard to protest when such a



bloom was grown in her honour and named after her. The Margaret Thatcher remains a favourite among rose growers, although have dared to voice the belief that its popularity is starting to fade. The Tories, meanwhile, have just launched a summer offensive against the "wilting" red rose of Walworth Road.

Labour is far from the first to seek to exploit the enduring attraction of England's quintessential flower. Since the Wars of the Roses, the red rose has been ruthlessly exploited in both commercial and political life. Mills & Boon has long used it to attract the lovelorn. The red and white Tudor rose, representing the union of York and Lancaster, is popularly used in heraldry and is the symbol of that bastion of male supremacy, the All England Rugby Club. Countless personalities, among them Tony Jacklin, Geoff Boycott, Felicity Kendal, Cleo Lane, Angela Rippon and Susan Hampshire have had roses in various shades of red named after them. They have been used to advertise everything from disposable nappies to bath salts, cigarettes and newspapers. The Times has its own rose, a tall,

proud stem bearing a bright red bloom which won a prize from the Royal National Rose Society in the mid-1980s. "The rose has been hijacked for centuries because it is the most English of all English flowers," says Jill Bennell of the Royal National Rose Society.
"Labour's red rose is a symbol of love. What woman can resist a bunch?" Mrs Thatcher, for one.

● What were Tory MPs Tony Favell and Gary Waller doing outside Central Office in Smith Square yesterday morning, stripped virtually to their underwear? They had been playing squash in a nearby club when the fire alarm went off. "Thank heavens we were not in the shower," says Favell.

### Less than magical

s predicted in this column. the first night of Peter Sellars's production of Die Zauberstote at Glyndebourne on Monday was beset by controversy. For the first time, Glyndebourne experienced the booing and hissing which now automatically greet the more adventurous productions at London's opera houses. But even those who refrained from booing were far from happy with the production. Edward Heath, a Glyndebourne regular, did not jeer - "I am too polite" but says he can well understand those who did. The Glyndebourne management, he says, made "complete fools" of themselves by sanctioning so unconventional a production, which presents Mozant's characters as a bunch of Sixties' Californian beach burns. "All the magic went out of the flute. This disease has seized so

many institutions - they think they must be different from everything that has gone before. Glyndebourne is there to produce the best Mozart in the world. Unless it does so, it ceases to have signficance as an operatic institution." Heath met the cast afterwards, but was diplomatic to the end. "The orchestra played well and the chorus singing was good. Some of the leading parts were well sung," he told them.

### Home to roost

Ticholas Ridley, under attack from all quarters over his scheme to split the Nature Conservancy Council into scparate English, Scottish and Welsh sections, has found an enthusiastic champion in the House of Lords. His older brother, Viscount Ridley, has been quick to point out to their lordships the sharp differences in the field of conservation north and south of the border. Take, for example, the story of the goosander bird, a member of the duck family, which was once "rightly" persecuted in Scotland as a voracious devourer of young salmon and trout. A bounty of half-a-crown was placed on its head. Yet at the same time, south of the border the goosander was protected as a rare breeding species. This resulted, says Viscount Ridley, in landowners on the south side of the Tweed waving flags to drive the bird over to the Scottish side. "The Scottish riparian owners would shoot it, and claim the half-a-crown, giving back one shilling and threepence to the English." Such enterprise ought to commend itself to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry,

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# THE PRICE OF PRE-EMINENCE

For the Police Federation yesterday to accuse the Government of undervaluing its work is little short of cheek. No group in the public sector has been more succoured by Home Secretaries since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979. Certainly no group has been treated so well with so little obvious return.

In the past decade, police numbers have risen by 15 per cent with further rises forecast over the next two years. In London, Metropolitan Police numbers have grown by an extraordinary 28 per cent. Local and central government spending on the police has comfortably outstripped inflation. So has police pay. In 1988 the police won a claim of double the public-sector average, contributing to a rise in real earnings of 41 per cent since 1979. The Home Office has also regularly conceded to the police periodic re-equipment grants, extended legal powers of arrest and search, a slow pace of civilianization to maintain police overtime and protection from pressure to introduce an "officer class" to improve management

In return, the police have collected statistics showing, except for a brief dip in 1988, a rising "crime wave", published on a quarterly basis, stoking public concern and sustaining pressure on ministers for further resources. These figures have been widely promulgated, and accepted by the media, despite the more authoritative British Crime Survey (from the Home Office) showing that Britain experiences a relatively constant level of criminality. Given the prominence that law and order enjoys in the Conservative grassroots, this political blackmail has been starkly successful. Only Mr Douglas Hurd, in a courageous speech to the federation when Home Secretary, dared call the police bluff and demand some sign that the resources being poured into fighting crime were yielding some social, and political, return.

The police claim, with some justice, to be in the front line against the community's unpleasant tendencies. Crowd violence, drug abuse, street crime and the theft that comes with rising prosperity are all dumped in the police lap. The public expects to enjoy improving social order and expects the police to deliver it. Many police feel beleaguered as a result.

Yet the police have been in the front line against these tendencies for two centuries. victims of a growing middle-class demand for security but not of any great surge in lawlessness. In comparison with other countries, Britain is not overwhelmed by crime, even in its inner cities. A recent Home Office report suggested that Britons do "fear crime" more than most Europeans, probably because of the media hyperbole surrounding crime statistics. While the presence of policemen on foot allays worry, screaming cars, blaring sirens, the rash of lurid crimewatch programmes on television and the intensive advertising of anti-crime equipment all increase fearfulness.

The police might have responded by shifting some of this burden of maintaining communal order on to other, less costly, services such as traffic wardens, court ushers, civilian clerks and private security firms. On the whole, they have resisted such moves, worried that such a shift in responsibility might diminish the case for even more policemen.

The federation is today expected to belabour the Home Secretary, Mr David Waddington, for cutting some police allowances. Scarred by recent instances of corruption and indiscipline - not widespread and confined to a few forces - the police sense that they have lost public confidence and that this may be reflected in future pay settlements. If so, drastic measures must be taken to restore confidence.

Less stress should be placed on the conquest of crime, more on its prevention. All crime figures should be processed by the Home Office and released no more than every six months. There should be a substantial downgrading of much policing, notably traffic control and court work. And police recruitment and leadership should be opened to a wide variety of experiences and skills. The police must be reintegrated into the community. Policing is not a politically-privileged freemasonry. It is the pre-eminent social service and must be re-established as such.

# THE 'INTIFADA' SPREADS

Sunday's murder of Palestinian labourers by a deranged Israeli, and the ensuing riots with their high toll of Palestinian dead and injured, have reignited the 30-month old intifada. The blaze has spread from the occupied territories to previously peaceful towns in Israel itself, and over the River Jordan.

The Arab summit in Baghdad next week testifies to the growing prestige of President Saddam Hussein. Israel's politicians seem incapable of forming a government able to end their year-long policy drift. Their claims to have contained the intifada are doubly discredited: the uprising now looks containable neither in scope nor in geographical extent. nd many Israeli commentators. are convinced that Sunday's murders could have occurred only in a climate of right-wing support for "extreme measures" against dissident Arabs. Palestinian frustrations are reflected in rising anti-Semitism and the increasing influence of hardline fundamentalist groups like Hamas which advocate a fully-

armed uprising. The price to Israel of preserving the status quo in the occupied territories has thus been raised. The governability of the Gaza Strip and West Bank is once again in question. The Arab communities in Israel itself have now joined in the troubles. So have the communities in Jordan, over half of whose population is Palestinian. In conformity with its decision to relax political controls, Jordan has recently permitted Palestinian marches and rallies. The policy carried risks, which now seem to have been realized. The Muslim Brotherhood only recently demanded the creation of a "popular army" in Jordan to fight Israel. Yesterday's appeals for calm from Jordan's mosques suggest that King Husain now believes Jordan is close to having one - or at least to having its own intifada. Without a political settlement of

escalating violence and civil disobedience. This could destroy Israel's political equilibrium.

Frustration with Israel is mounting in the Middle East following the Likud Party's rejection of the Baker plan for Israeli-Egyptian-Palestinian talks. Fury over the expected emigration to Israel of up to a million Soviet Jews fans the flames. The United States has said that "restraint" by Israeli security forces is necessary, but not sufficient, and that Israel must return to an "active, viable, peace process".

The first step is clearly the establishment of a stable government in Israel. Mr Yitzhak Shamir's efforts to do this hit a serious obstacle yesterday when Moledet, the religious party which advocates "transferring" Palestinians to Jordan, walked out of negotiations. If he fails, he has two options. The first, a return to coalition government, is a recipe for stalemate. The second is to call fresh elections. Given the almost equal solit in Israel over the central issue of land-for-peace, these would solve

The most obvious escape route from stalemate is a firm commitment to electoral reform. Since March, hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets in protest over both main parties' unseemly horse-trading to secure a parliamentary majority. President Herzog has demanded reform, saying that Israel's proportional system gives "disproportionate influence" to tiny, often extremist, religious parties and will lead to catastrophe.

In addition, Mr Shamir should reconsider his rejection of the Baker plan. It is based on the ideas he himself put forward a year ago. Changed circumstances will make the plan yet more difficult to negotiate, but the plan is still the only game in town - other than the game of death so grimly played out this week.

# some sort within Israel, the prospect is of SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

Inflation is a many splendoured thing. Shortly after the Conservatives came to power in 1979, the cost of answering an oral question in Parliament was £39. (Written ones were a better buy at £24.) Last summer, the Conservative member for Pembroke, Mr Nicholas Bennett, invited the Prime Minister to catalogue the achievements of her Government since 1979. The reply took up a modest 34 columns of Hansard, and the cost of the exercise was £4,600. This must be some sort of a record. Is anyone to be congratulated for it? The rising cost of asking questions has not been matched by an improvement in the quality of the exchanges. For the first time since the early 1970s, the Commons Select Committee on Procedure has given its mind to what it characterizes in its report as "a grotesque waste of resources". There may never have been a golden age when backbenchers subjected the executive to the fearless inquisition implied by the textbooks. But even the residual opportunity to keep an eye on what ministers are up to has been steadily eroded by underarm deliveries, mainly to the Prime Minister, asking her to list her

engagements for the day. These so-called "open" questions are the prelude to a well-rehearsed and often planted supplementary, although as the televising of the Commons has shown, some MPs are better than others at concealing the crib slipped to them by the whips. (Referring to notes is out of order, and the cry of "Reading" comes as raucously from either side of the House as does "Howzat?" from a West Indian in the deep

Unease at the abuse of question time is not new. Mr Speaker Thomas had severe things to say on the matter during his time in the chair. Now, the select committee detects no great need for a "change in standing orders": which is a polite way of saying it thinks the present Speaker should be stricter. It is critical of longwinded ministerial replies and calls for the number of questions an MP may put to a particular minister to be restricted to two. Most important, the committee frowns on "syndication", a rigging device favoured by parliamentary private secretaries and whips who farm out identical questions in large numbers so as to increase the probability of "desirable" subjects crowding out those

The stature of the Commons is not an abstraction. It rests in any age with the members who lounge on its benches and on their sense of what constitutes tolerable manners. Objections to question time on the ground that it is occasionally a bear-garden are misplaced. Parliament has always been noisy, and an element of theatre - of corrida, even is welcome. That is different from allowing the Commons to become simply a television game show, however much that may be in the interest of the whips and the party machines.

The House of Commons still can use its influence to discipline, or at least frighten, the executive and to inform the public of matters that might otherwise have been concealed. Question time is important in that process. If individual MPs and the parties they belong to are alive to their own interest, the planted question industry should be subjected to market forces and drastically run down.

"Open" questions should be a thing of the past - they are a demeaning alternative to the press conferences to which most democratic leaders now submit themselves. There should be a return to the practice of tabling questions on specific points with supplementaries once again given some force. The real check on the actions of ministers and their officials is not the question which is asked, but the one which

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Improving democracy in N Ireland Tory need to put the family first

to agree.

May 21.

Yours faithfully

FRANCIS BENNION,

62 Thames Street, Oxford.

From Mr David Trimble, MP for

Sir, Your report on the Upper

Bann by-election result (May 19,

early editions) referred to my

alleged "appetite for hysterical anti-Roman Catholic rhetoric".

This is a very clear imputation of

religious bigotry. It is also com-pletely false. I am confident that

and distinguish between religion

and politics. There is enough of a

defamatory statement.

Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist)

the firm intention of treating

counties like Down and Antrim in

precisely the same way it treats

counties like Kent or Yorkshire, as

integral parts of the territory of the

United Kingdom. No one suggests

that Kent will at some future time be handed over to France if the

inhabitants should be persuaded

From Mr Francis Bennion Sir, Last Thursday's Upper Bann by-election (report, May 19) gives food for thought on three aspects. The first concerns the lack of true democracy in Northern Ireland. Since its creation the province has been ruled from Westminster by political parties it had no voice in electing, and whose policies were never submitted to its voters. Nor have they ever had any input in the formation of those policies.

At this by-election two of our main parties, the Conservatives and the SDP, at last offered candidates. The other two continued the traditional stance. Labour's refusal caused a former chairman of the Northern Ireland Labour Party (with which Labour always declined to affiliate) to stand "for the right to vote Labour". On May 7 he told a press conference at Portadown that Labour is about to announce its new policy on Northem Ireland, adding

But no one in Upper Bann was consulted about that policy. Further-more, no one here will be given the chance to vote for or against it in this election. That is dictatorship, not

The second point arises from the fact that the Conservative candidate lost her deposit. In her campaigning she was obliged to support the Anglo-Irish Agreement, because that is her party's official policy. At the first opportunity Northern Ireland voters had to pronounce their verdict on the Agreement, they over-whelmingly rejected it. Clearly they took the view, which as a constitutional lawyer I believe to be correct, that the Agreement is unconstitutional in effectively transferring representation of the province's Catholic population to the Dublin Government.

The third point is that in this overwhelmingly Protestant con-stituency over 2,000 voters (nearly double the number who voted Conservative) declared their support for IRA terrorism by voting Sinn Fein.

Such support will continue until the British Government stops

### 'Mad cow' disease From Professor J. B. Cavanagh and others

Sir, As neuropathologists who either have been directly concerned in transmissible dementia or have critically watched over the years the evolution of scrapie research and are familiar with the two diseases in man, namely Kuru and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, we would like wholeheartedly to give our support to the Tyrrell committee in their efforts to contain the present outbreak, and to allay public fears by putting the matter into a just perspective.

We would agree that transmission from cattle to man is certainly possible, although the risk is likely to be very small from the consumption of muscle tissue - witness the total lack of evidence for the transmission of scrapie from sheep to man after centuries of consumption of sheep

meat The inclusion of central nervous tissue, lymph nodes, spleen, salivary glands and other similar "offal" in prepared meats, because it is in these tissues that the agent is most likely to replicate, albeit slowly, would be expected, we believe, marginally to enhance the

The panic reaction of some educational bodies in removing beef from school menus can only emphasise, in our opinion, the ignorance in some quarters about the nature of the condition. We look forward to the rapid return of common sense among those responsible.

Yours faithfully, J. B. CAVANAGH, J. TREVOR HUGHES (Green College, Oxford), A. C. PALMER (Veterinary School, Cambridge), Toxicology Unit, MRC Laboratories Woodmansterne Road Carshalton, Surrey.

From Mrs J. E. J. Rogers Sir, Trying to do the best for my unborn baby during pregnancy has proved to be more of a trial

### Romanian royalty

From Mr David Cregeen Sir, Having just returned from two extended visits to Bucharest I read your several articles of May 16 with interest. Mark Almond draws an interesting analogy between Romania and Spain; King Michael may play the same part as King Juan Carlos. This is the opinion held by a growing number of people of all ages and walks of life within the country and is, of course, the reason that the Front prevented the King making his private visit on April 12.

Curiously your article of April 13 failed to note the demonstrations for the King of over 2,000 people outside the Continental

Sir, Having read various articles regarding the Norwegian and British unsupported walks to the North Pole, I am surprised that there is an argument as to whether the Norwegians made it or not.

The argument surely is not whether they made it but what support means in the confines of Arctic travel. The ground rules, which are not written but understood by all participants, are that should your team require a plane to lift an injured person off the ice,

you have been supported. In 1989, the Russians led by Chukov, though reaching the North Pole, had to have an airlift

Mihai". The problem now is how the people may have the opportunity to make their own free choice in

Yours faithfully,

DAVID CREGEEN, The Studio, St Andrew's House, 76 Roupell Street, SE1.

### Polar walk rules

From Mr Charles Burton Norwegian team. Though they reached the Pole, a member of

nobody, except an understanding

Sir, One can only be relieved to note that Mrs Thatcher's one-time gura, Lord Joseph (report, May 17), has joined forces with the left wing of the Tory party to express concern about family life in the 1990s. It is the prime duty of any government to try to provide a facilitating administrative and social environment for the successful rearing of the nation's children, lacking which we will fail to obey the most fundamental of biological imperatives and to provide the basis of an ordinary good life for our future citizens - the ability to love and to work, to hold down a

you cannot produce a single statement by me to justify this The next sentence is, perhaps, more worrying. For as evidence of the slur it refers to a recent demonstration against the presence of Charles Haughey in Belfast. This of course was not an anti-Roman Catholic demonstration, but a demonstration against the Premier of the Irish Republic and its territorial claim to this part of the United Kingdom. keeping a household affoat. I believe it is important to try

Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS, 1 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

Times is unable to draw the proper Incidentally, during that demonstration I contented myself largely with shouting "Out, out, out." If this is hysterical anti-Roman Catholic rhetoric then quite a few people in England are

in trouble! Yours sincerely DAVID TRIMBLE, Ulster Unionist Council, 3 Glengall Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

than I anticipated. Acutely sensitive to myriad food scares, I find that I cannot eat eggs or poultry unless cooked to within an inch of their respective lives (salmonella), patés or any foods that have been excessively "mucked about with" (histeria), cook/chill foods (listeria), rare meat of any description (toxoplasmosis), ice-cream or mayonnaise (listeria), beef in any shape or form (BSE), soft or blue cheeses (listeria), pre-washed salad vegetables (listeria), in fact any fruit or salad vegetables that I have not personally washed myself (toxoplasmosis).

At the beginning of my preg-nancy, I eschewed London tap water in favour of the more healthful bottled mineral water, only to discover when the bubble burst, that I was consuming potentially dangerous quantities of benzine. In the last week, those bastions of a pregnant woman's diet, liver and milk, have both been called into question: the former should apparently be avoided while the BSE controversy rages, while the latter is awash with a sinister hormone,

BST (bovine somatotropin). Soon, my baby will run more danger from malnutrition than from any of these diseases. In the meantime, I continue to make most of my meals around cheese sandwiches: if any of your readers know a good reason why I should not eat cheddar or wholemeal bread, I beg them to keep it to themselves.

Yours faithfully. CHARLOTTE ROGERS, 97 Elsenham Street, SW18. May 17.

From Sir Duncan Watson Sir, Is it not about time that some distinguished scientist duly warned us that declining to eat or drink anything which could carry a risk to our health will inevitably be terminal?

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN WATSON, Sconce, Steels Lane, Oxshott, Surrey. May 14.

### Hotel where two of his daughters were staying - the demonstrators chanting "A visa for our King" and "The 20th May, Regele

this as in the rest of the political agenda. The person of the King, therefore, provides the necessary symbol of unity and stability around which the forces of democracy may unite.

for his injured and dead colleagues. Though he claimed to have made it unsupported, he withdrew this claim after returning home. Why? Because air contact had been made to remove part of his team. The same, therefore, has got to be said of the

their team had to be taken off by In every game we play we have a judge, referee, or someone to see fair play. In the Arctic there is

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shilly-shallying. It should declare From Professor John A. Davis

succinctly put it. Without vision the people will perish; and we need above all things spiritual and temporal leaders with vision - not conductors who only know how to keep time with the music.

job and a marriage, as Freud

What Mrs Thatcher does not seem to understand is that the good qualities which she values and exhibits are not the product of good will in the personal moral sense but of an upbringing that fosters faith, hope and charity. These moral qualities are innate, but they need consolidation through early experience and this will be lacking if parents are too harassed by the effort of just

problem in Ulster because of the confusion of religion and politics and it is distressing to see that *The* 

From Mrs Maria R. Ross Sir, There would be no need to recruit women with young children if employers had the foresight

and intelligence to re-employ men and women who are made redundant at the age of 55-plus. Senility does not set in as if by magic overnight and most of those people have a wealth of knowledge and experience and would need very little retraining, if at all, to fill

Thus, children would not be deprived of regular care, attention and love; mothers would not be made to feel that looking after their children is demeaning or not very clever (in fact it is the hardest and most disciplined work of all); redundant people would regain their self-esteem and financial independence; and the State would save itself a great deal of money by not having to support

Yours faithfully MARIA R. ROSS, 12 Leeward Gardens, Wimbledon, SW19.

From Miss Mercia E. Cato Sir, I should like to add my voice to the chorus of disapproval at Mrs Thatcher's remarks (report, May 18) about child care, and I feel that it is time for those women who have had experience of working for many years to join in

the debate. I qualified as a solicitor in 1956. I was not taken seriously as partnership material until I worked full time. The domestic contortions to reach this level

# went through au-pairs, nursery

school and grandparents (who lived 120 miles away). This was 34 years ago and the same system is being put forward as the solution to child care now. I well remember the guilt feeling

I had when leaving the children, albeit for a few hours, to work. I was more troubled than they seemed to be. I deemed it better to pay for expensive half-day nursery school than leave my two children with inexperienced au-pairs and my net profit per week was £1.

The answer must surely be more well-run creches; they seem to have successful ones in other European countries. I also consider that there should be more vacation camps created because school holidays can be a nightmare and school children could then be more constructively occu-

Yours truly, MERCIA E. CATO, Newstead & Walker (Solicitors), Mercury House, Mercury Row, Otley, West Yorkshire. May 18.

From Ms Tess Woodcraft Sir. We were somewhat taken aback by Mrs Thatcher's condemnation of creches and more generally child care provision in this country. Just the day before her interview with Woman's Hour, the House of Commons debated (report, May 17) her Government's proposals to en-

courage more employer-spon-sored child care, including of course more workplace nurseries. We would argue that all children benefit from good-quality child care. A national child-care strategy, which the Prime Minister so quickly dismissed, would benefit children and parents. And with the coming demographic timebomb, such a strategy, properly funded, would also benefit the economy,

Yours sincerely, TESS WOODCRAFT (Director), Kids' Clubs Network, 279-281 Whitechapel Road, E1.

From Mr Peter Higgins

Sir, There is another area where David Willetts's contention (article, May 21) that "Conservatives have long claimed to be the party of the family" needs reconsider-ation — that of education. In setting up the National Curricuhum in the Education Reform Act home economics was not listed as a foundation subject.

The DES view that the subject could be delivered through technology and science may contribute positively to those subjects, but there is a danger that the subject which has most supported the ethos of the family will lose some of its influence.

John MacGregor has already proved a steadying influence after the Baker whirlwind; perhaps this is another matter for his attention. Yours faithfully PETER HIGGINS

(General Manager). National Association of Teachers of Home Economics, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1.

# **NHS** budgets

tently untrue.

From Dr Michael Wilson Sir, Department of Health sources cannot be allowed to get away with the claim (report, May 10) that 450 GP practices have been rejected as volunteers to hold their own budgets because they lack the necessary computer and managerial facilities. This assumes that the original 850 practices who expressed an interest in holding budgets were all serious candidates. This assumption is pa-

The 850 practices who originally expressed an interest in the idea did so by completing a Department of Health form that stated quite clearly: "Completing this form simply indicates your interest in discussing matters fur-ther. You will be under no obligation to join the scheme and will not have to make your final decision until early 1991".

For the department now to claim that 450 of these practices have been "rejected" is sheer chicanery. What is clear is that the number of GPs now interested in becoming fund holders under the Government's ill-thought-out reforms is melting like snow in summer. It is GPs who are rejecting the Government's reforms, not the Government which is rejecting GPs.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WILSON (Chairman, General Medical Services Committee), British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1. May 11.

that should air contact be made, for whatever reason, you have been supported.

I would not support any claim to having reached the Pole unsupported when a team has had air contact or has had help in moving stores over the worst part of any Arctic journey - the pack ice.

Having given some advice to them last year, I do feel for the Norwegian team, having gone through the agony of walking to the Pole, but they must realise unsupported means without air contact, for whatever reasons.

Yours faithfully CHARLES BURTON, 27a Leinster Square, W2. May 17.

### At a premium From Mr Michael L. Somers

May 22.

Sir. In the recent sale in New York of Van Gogh's "Portrait of Dr Gachet" (report, May 16) the hammer actually came down at \$75 million and not the published \$82.5 million. Would this discrepancy have anything to do with the so-called buyer's premium? It is difficult to imagine what

possible service the auctioneers could have performed for the buyer to justify this sum, and indeed the only remotely convincing argument I have heard for this iniquitous practice is auctioneers' greed, they in this case having presumably pocketed \$15 million

for their work. In the exceedingly unlikely event of my ever having the wealth to enable me to enter seriously into the fine art market I would find the buyer's premium a sharp deterrent.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL L. SOMERS, Avalon Cottage, Old Barn Lane, Churt, Surrey.

# Family connections

From Mr Adrian Room Sir, Mr Edmund William-Bellord mentions (May 10) that Sir Harry Smith, Governor of the Cape, had the towns of Harrismith named after himself, Ladysmith after his wife, and North Aliwal after his horse and battle victory.

The couple are actually com-memorated in twice as many South African towns as this, for Smithfield is also named after him, Ladismith after her and Whittlesea after Sir Harry's Cambridgeshire birthplace.

A sixfold family place-name commemoration like this must be something of a record. Yours faithfully.

ADRIAN ROOM, 12 High Street, St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

### **Knowing one's place** From Mr Peter Keys

Sir, In reply to the letter from Miss Cherry Lavell (May 19), in fact some of us do still "move". Relocation is only for those whose expenses are paid for by their employer.

Yours faithfully, PETER KEYS, 7 Roman Road Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.



### COURT CIRCULAR

son were in attendance.

The Oueen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand

President, this afternoon chaired a Commonwealth Council

Meeting of the British

Commonwealth Ex-Services
League at Buckingham Palace.
The Hon Mary Morrison has
succeeded the Lady Susan

Hussey as Lady in Waiting to

May 22: The Princess Royal this

morning received His Ex-

cellency the Ambassador of the

Union of Soviet Socialist

Republics (Mr Leonid M

Zamyatin) at Buckingham

Her Royal Highness, Presi-

dent, National Agricultural Centre Rural Trust, attended a

conference at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, London and was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Si-

mon Mabey).

Afterwards The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Prison Visitors, attended the Association at the

anal General Meeting at the

Westminster Cathedral Con-ference Centre, Victoria Street,

London SWI.

In the evening Her Royal
Highness visited the Royal Society of Medicine, I Wimpole
Street, London, to deliver the

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

May 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals

Trust, and honoured the Chair-

man (Sir Maurice Shock) with

her presence at luncheon. Mrs Patrick Campbell-Pres-ton and Sir Martin Gilliat were

May 22: The Princess of Wales

visited Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines, Lymp-

stone, Devon.
Her Royal Highness was recrived by General Sir Peter

Whiteley (Deputy Lieutenant of

Mrs James Lonsdale and

Lieutenant-Commander Patrick

Jephson. RN were in attend-

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell,

Humphrey Mews which was held at St John's Wood Church

St John's Wood, London NW8

Court, the new sheltered hous-

ing accommodation of the Jew

ish Blind and Physically Handi-

capped Society at Kingsbury,

Mrs Jane Stevens was in

May 22: The Duchess of Kent

this afternoon attended the Royal National Lifeboat Institu-

the Royal Festival Hall, South

Mrs Alan Henderson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 22: Princess Alexandra and

Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the Annual

Dinner for Patrons at the British

Miss Mona Mitchell was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

Bank, London SE1.

attendance.

Museum.

and The Princess of Wales

Devon).

KENSINGTON PALACE

Stevens Lecture.

**CLARENCE HOUSE** 

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 22: Mr F N Richards was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Namibia. Mrs Richards was also re-

ceived by Her Majesty.
His Excellency Mr George D Papoulias was received in audience by The Queen and pre-sented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from Greece to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the Embassy:

Mr Dimitris Vidouris (Minister Ple-nipotentiary), Captain Stavros Gau-less (Defence Attacté), Mr Aristides ApaDocies (First Counsellor, Mr Aussauco Métalisi (First Counsellor, Consular Attacts), Carsa Syridon Coros (Shipping Alasché), Mr Aristides (Counsellor, Economic and Commercial Affairs), Mr Attamassios Xeritos (Counsellor, Lab-our Affairs) and Dr Nikos Papadekis (Attaché, Press and Information).

Mrs Papoulias was also received by Her Majesty. Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.
His Excellency Pengiran Setia

Raja. Pengiran Haji Jaya and Pengiran Datin Hajjah Salmah were received in farewell audi-ence by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Bru-nei Darussalam in London.

His Excellency the Common-wealth Secretary-General was received in audience by The Queen when Her Majesty in-Queen when Her Majesty invested His Excellency with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Mrs Ramphal was also re-

ceived by The Queen. Subsequently, His Excellency the Commonwealth Secretary-

General and Mrs Ramphal had the honour of being invited to lunch with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh. The following also had the honour of being invited:

honour of being invited:
His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cypris, his Excellency me High Commissioner for Strunel and Penginan Datin Haljah Saiman, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbahwe and Mrs Murerwa. His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Mrs Dove-Edwin, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Guyana and Mrs Piterin, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia and High Commissioner for Canadia and Mrs MacDonald, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Mr and Mrs Piter Unwin, Sir Jatrick and Lady Wirght and Mr Sainey MacDonald, Sir Peter Unwin, Sir Jatrick and Lady Wright and Mr Sanley Martin. by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, at the memorial Service for Mr May 22: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon this after-noon opened Cherry Tree

His Excellency Dr Herbert M Muserwa and Mrs Muserwa were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbabwe in

London. The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening were entertained at dinner by the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms at St James's

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Lord Denham (Captain, Gentlemen at Arms) and Major David Jamieson (Lieutenant, Gentle-

The Countess of Airlie, Sir attendance.

# Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 11.15 for the members of the Order of the Bath. The Prince of Wales, Great Master, and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships fiftieth anniversary fleet in Dover at 2.20.

The Prince of Wales, will address a meeting of the Confederation of British Industry and the Centre for Information on at 2.00; will open the Depart-Language Teaching and Re-search at the Royal Society at 3.00; and, as President of Busi-ness in the Community, will hold a seminar and reception for iness leaders at Kensington

The Princess of Wales will attend the Jester Ball at the attend the Jester Ball at the ege at the National Westminster London Hilton on Park Lane at Hall at 12.55.

8.30 in aid of Action on

Princess Margaret will visit RAF Shawbury, Shropshire, at 11.45; and, as President of the NSPCC, will visit the British Interior Design exhibition at Chelsea Old Town Hall at 7.00 in aid of the charity.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a presentation and ex-Spencer Industrial Arts Trust at Mary's Guildhall, Coventry, ment of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Walsgrave Hospital, at 2.40; and will visit the new Midland Sports Centre for the Disabled, Tile Hill, at 4.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a city luncheon being arranged by the Friends of Templeton Coll-

# **OBITUARIES**

Robert Fellowes and Lieuten-ant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wil-Max Wall, the comedian, dancer and actor, died at the age of 82 yesterday. He was born on March 12, 1908.

> MAX Wall was one of the last giants of the traditional music hall, an entertainer whose craft was forged in the challenge of playing to, and playing off, a live audience. In his youth his main gift was his agility as a dancer. He matured into a consummate stand-up comic and a fluent тіте.

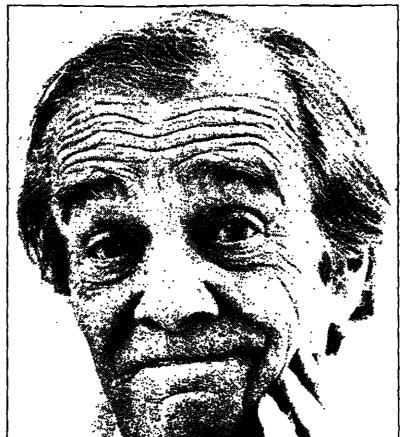
His career was cut off in its prime through personal troubles in the late Fifties and he was away from the public gaze for several years. He eventually emerged, unexpectedly and triumphantly, in the legitimate theatre, taking on Shakespeare, Pinter. Beckett and Osborne. At the same time he made a come-back as a comedian and enjoyed an extraordinary Indian summer as audiences old and new warmed to his wit and timing and ability to build and sustain

brilliantly inventive routines.

Above all he revelled again in his most famous creation, Professor Wallofski, a crazy musician decked out in a long black wig, tights, white socks and huge boots. In this guise he clowned through a riot of comic business that included absurd walks and a fierce attempt to play the Rachmaninov Prelude in C sharp minor. It never got beyond a few bars, interspersed with arm movements that turned piano playing into a gyration of agony. As with so many clowns, Wall's comedy was rooted in an inability to cope with a baffling world.

He was born Maxwell George Lorimer, in Brixton, south London. His father, Jack Lorimer, was a Scottish music hall star and his mother a dancer and singer who performed on the halls as Stella Stahl. Max Wall first appeared on stage at the age of two and there was never any doubt that he would follow the family profession.

He had his first professional job at 14, touring the West Country in pantomime. He performed on the Continent, sharing bills with Maurice Chevalier and the Swiss clown, Grock. He considered Grock, together with Groucho Marx, to be the biggest influence on his work.



MAX WALL

Still only 17, Wall made his London stage debut in a revue at the Lyceum in 1925. The star was the American film heroine, Pearl White. At this time Max Wall was still principally a dancer, billed as "the boy with the obedient feet." He danced for the impresario C. B. Cochran in One Dam Thing After Another (1927) and took part in the 1930 Royal Variety

His first chance to work as a comedian came in a Broadway show, Vanities, and from then on comedy was his main business. He was Jack in the London Hippodrome's 1933 Mother Goose and other West End shows included Black and Blue (1939), Panama Hattie (1943) and Make It a Date (1946). He served in the RAF from 1940 to 1943 but was invalided out.

Wall became a national figure through radio, then at the height of its popularity and drawing huge audiences. In Hoop-La (1944) he starred with the veteran Robb Wilton, he wrote and appeared in his own series. Our Sheet, and carried over some of the same characters into Petticoat Lane, with Elsie and Doris Waters, He was also a resident comedian on Variety Bandhox and a regular on other variety shows like Workers' Playtime and Mid-day Music Hall. In the early 1950s he was one of the first comedians to have his own series on television.

His biggest success was in the American musical The Pajama Game, which opened in the West End in 1955 and ran for 18 months. As Hines, the time and motion man, he not only gave full rein to his talent for comedy, song and dance but was able. for the first time, to create a character that was not obviously himself.

But professional acclaim coincided with a crisis in his private life. His 15year-old marriage to a dancer, Marian Pola, which had produced five children, broke up. The press had a field day, accusing Wall of abandoning his family and exploiting his friendship with a young beauty queen, Jennifer Chimes (who became his second wife). The publicity so damaged his career that with one brief exception it was 16 years before he next appeared in the West End. The personal problems mounted. His second marriage failed and so did a third; and he was declared bankrupt.

The northern club circuit provided a lifeline and in 1966 Wall was offered his first more or less straight part in Alfred Jarry's surreal play, Ubu Roi, at the Royal Court. At the same theatre, six years later, he gave a gently sardonic performance as the Jewish tailor in Arnold Wesker's The Old Ones, and he finally returned to the West End in Cockie, a show based on the life of C. B. Cochran.

Meanwhile he began a prized relationship with the Greenwich Theatre. There, within three years, he was seen as Archie Rice in Osborne's The Entertainer, in Beckett's Krapp's Last Tape, as Malvolio (which defeated him) and, subtly and quietly, as the tramp in Pinter's The Caretaker.

He presented his one-man show, Aspects of Max Wall, on various stages, notably at the Garrick in 1975. He had by now been taken up as a hero and cult figure by London's intellectuals to his somewhat wry surprise. His renaissance continued with roles in television and films. His autobiography, The Fool on the Hill, was an unselfpitying account of what he rightly called a see-saw career.

to sweep away all obstacles to

change. He was a generous

host and bon viveur with a

He became President of the

Institution of Electronic and

Radio Engineers in 1968; it

had been set up with the

encouragement of Lord

Mountbatten and later amal-

gamated with the Institution

was a Fellow of University

College, London, and of most

of the principal electrical and

mechanical engineering in-

stitutions. He was Master of

the Turners' Company in

In 1939 he married Jean

Eileen, daughter of C. A.

wide circle of friends.

# **ALFRED TWINN**

Alfred Charles Twinn, Cambridge University Boatman for 50 years, died aged 74 on May 20. He was born on October 7, 1915.

ALF Twinn personified the diligence, knowledge, experi-ence and determination that lay behind Cambridge University's success in the Boat Race in the period after the Second World War. As Boatman, he helped with the coaching, looked after the boat, and his sturdy figure could be seen on Boat Race day in waders leading it into the water, ready to do battle.

The light blue on blades and riggers was his doing. He took a special pride in getting the hue exactly right - not sky blue, as is commonly supposed, but a judiciously stirred mixture of zinc white, ultramarine blue and a yellow tint. The boat gleamed from his polishing. Alf Twinn went back to the

days when coaching was done on horseback, not on a cycle with a megaphone. Later noone did more mileage than he on a cycle as a coach on the River Cam. He came as a lad of 14 on January 1, 1930, to be assistant to "Cooie" Philips, the then Boatman, for a weekly wage of 7/6 raised to 10s after six months. He succeeded Cooie in 1933, and he stayed in the job for the next 50 years, except for the war years, until his retirement in 1983. He and his predecessor spanned 89 years in the service of Cambridge, a remarkable legacy of continuity: in fact the bigger part of the history of the University Boat Race which began in 1829. From 1930 until Alf's retirement in 1983, excluding the war years, Cambridge won 29 times.

He worked with many great coaches, starting with Peter Haig-Thomas, known in Cambridge lore as "the Prince of coaches." But he treasured most his association with Harold Rickett, the celebrated post-war finishing coach.

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Boatmen had their own crew, and Alf rowed at No 6 behind Percy Bullock (Jesus) and Fred Benstead (Pembroke). Apart from being a good coach himself, Alf was a great supporter of College rowing, which he believed to be the mainstay of the Cambridge University Boat Club. He coached many scullers. including Dr W. G. R. M. Laurie, an Olympic gold medallist. And only last year he coached Raiph Humphrey who won the Doggett's Coat and Badge, the race for Thames Watermen. Alf was himself admitted in 1985 as a Freeman of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames.

Two hundred letters came to him on his retirement, sent by, among others, an Earl, an Admiral, a General and a Bishop. He had two favourite crews, the 1934 crew which broke the course record and the 1951 crew which beat Oxford by 12 lengths in a rerun after Oxford sank. The same crew went to America to beat their counterparts at Harvard, Yale, MIT and Boston. He is survived by his second

wife, Ruby.

# MAJOR-GENERAL SIR LEONARD ATKINSON

Major-General Sir Leonard Atkinson, KBE, Director of devoted to developing the new gineering, the Army, 1963-66, the mid-1960s, he was largely died aged 79 on May 17. He responsible for defeating the

cal Engineers (REME) in the mid-1960s, Major-General Sir Leonard Atkinson was submidrary and civilian electrical fought with them throughout the campaign in North West military and civilian electrical from Normandy to the systems, aimed at achieving greater equipment reliability; and to modernize engineering sequently President of the Institute of Electronic and Radio Engineers and Chairing companies. "Atco" was who continued to foster and one of the group of young reinforce their close relationengineers who joined the ship after he retired from the splendid infantrymen into Army, during its crash mechanization in the run-up to the Second World War, in the Ordnance Mechanical Engineers who were transferred to REME when it was formed

Alamein in the autumn of

As a result of the recent Scholar-ship Examinations the following

Minor Exhibitions: B.M. Wilson (Bel-mont). M.L. Goodman (Hursbierpoint College Junior School). R.H. Hancock (Copmone). J.M.S. Pearce (West Hill Park).

The Leys School, Cambridge

Scholarships and Exhibitions

The following Awards have

dation Scholarships: D.O.C. 26. The Leys School.

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awards have been made: Major Exhibitions: B. Subetar (Cop-thorne). C.S. Edwards (Forest Grange and Hurstpterpoint College). N.J.

Scholarship Awards

School news

was born on December 4, last major attempt by the

Performance.

and mechanical engineers as the man who forged the strong links that exist between them man of a number of engineer- for the benefit of both, and Army in 1966. He was able to do this from his seat on the boards of a number of important electrical and mechanical engineering firms, of which he became chairman, just before the battle of El and through his active membership of major professional bodies.

Scholarship: P.J. Brewer, St. School, Cambridge: P.A.1

Music Edulation: B.T. Deane. St Falln's School. Cambridge; k.J. Mc-Sween. St Faith's School. Cambridge. Art Scholarship: P.F. Coopes, Tower House School. London: A. Robertson. King's College School. Cambridge.

Sixth Form Exhabitions: G.W. Fer-guson. The Law School: Kirsty J. Gray. S. Mary's School. Colcheger: W.B.S. Rogers. The Less School: S.P. Seng. The Lays School: S.P.

Music Scholarship: Francoise Ogier. Westcliff High School for Ciris. Music Exhibitions: Kirsty J. Gray, St Mary's School. Colchester.

His military career was Leonard Henry Atkinson was educated at Wellington Electrical and Mechanical En- Corps, and, as its Director in College and University College, London, and was commissioned into the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in Army Board to turn the clock 1936. He became Commander back by re-distributing some REME of the Guards on in the civilian engineering PROFESSIONAL head of the of its functions amongst the Armoured Division when it world, such as the early Royal Electrical and Mechanical Corps of the Army. was formed in 1943 and computerized management

Baltic. It would not be unkind to say that he had one of the hardest tasks amongst the headquarters staff during the Division's early formative months, of turning those large, mechanically minded armoured troops.

At the end of the War he had a spell in India and the Far East before becoming one of REME's principal policymaking staff officers in a succession of appointments at the War Office, in 1st British

A Service of Blessing took place at St Ursula's Church, Berne,

Switzerland, on April 28, 1990, following the marriage of Mr Colin Charles Bright, elder son of Mr and Mrs William C.J.

Bright, of Southsea, Hampshire and Miss Jane Elizabeth Gurney

Pease, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gurney Pease, of Grasmere.

The marriage took place in Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, April 29, followed by a service of

blessing at the Church of Be

thesda-by-the-Sea, between Mr Ernest William Jowett and Mrs

and Mrs E.J.M. Browne

**Marriages** 

Cumbria. Mr E.W. Jowett

Mr C.C. Bright and Miss J.E.G. Pease

Corps in BAOR, and at the delegate and a burning desire REME Headquarters and Training Centre at Arborfield. He beloed to carry the Army forward into the missile and helicopter era; to exploit engineering developments going training and methods.

He was appointed Head of his Corps in 1963, and so was its Director during Denis Healey's 1965 Defence Review when he had to fight the rearguard actions with the Army Board. Its survival intact, and the continued and necessary expansion of its responsibilities owe much to the presentational and persuasive skills that he displayed at

that crucial time. "Atco" was an outgoing She and their son and three

personality with the ability to daughters survive him.

### Atchley. Eileen, with her family's engineering background, was a great support to him throughout both his careers.

1987-88.

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, former colonial administrator, 81; Sir David Barran, former chair-man, Midland Bank, 78; Mrs J.J.d'A. Campbell, diplomat, 55; Sir Matthew Campbell, civil servant, 83; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, architect, 80; Miss Joan Collins, actress, 57; Mr Denis Compton, cricketer, 72; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, 82: Sir Samuel Curran, former vice-chancellor, Strath-

clyde University, 78.

Mr Nigel Davenport, actor. 62; Viscount De L'Isle, VC, 81; Dr Alec Dickson, founder, VSO, 76; Mr G.M. Gill, chief cashier, Bank of England, 56: Mr Marius Goring, actor, 78; Major-Gen-

United and Cecil Club

Luncheons

The British Institute of

The Annual Luncheon of The

British Institute of Innkeeping was held at The Waldorf, London on Tuesday. May 22.

1990. The Rt Hon David Waddington, QC, MP. Home

Secretary, was principal guest. Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Mr B.R. Hiscoke

and Mr B.K. Whitford, AMBII. The Institute Prize Essay Award was presented to Mr R.M.A.

Russocki, MBII, and the In-

stitute Gold Medal was awarded

Birthdays today Sir Kenneth Allen, engineer, 83; Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, former Stowe School, 77; Lord Grenfell 55: Mr Graeme Hick, cricketer, 24: Mr Anatoly Karpov, chess player, 39: Sir Peter Kenilorea, former Prime Minister, Sol-omon Islands, 47: Sir John Lyons, master, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 58; Mr Humphrey Lyttelton, jazz musician, 69; Mr Michael McCrum, master, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 66; the Earl of Mount Charles, 39; Mr John Newcombe, tennis player, 46; Mr Robert Sangster, former chairman, Vernons Organization and racenurse owner, 54; Mr Jack Steinberg, former ization and racehorse owner. president, Steinberg Group. 77; Judge Sir Sanderson Temple,

Lord High Commissioner Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held Lord Ross, Lord High Commis

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sioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and iast night at the House of Commons. Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host. Sir Marcus Fox, MP. chairman, presided and Mr John Harvey also spoke. Lady Ross entertained at dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse the Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of

### Dances The Looking Glass Ball

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster are hosting The Looking Glass Ball at Cliveden, Berkshire, on June 12, 1990, in the presence of HRH the Princess Margaret, on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Pasadena Roof Orchestra and the Band of the Grenadie Guards with Auction and Firework Display. Tickets available from Suzy Diamond at RNIB, on 071-388 1266.

1990 Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball

Baroness Robson of Kiddington and The Special Trustees of Queen Charlotte's Hospital are proud to announce that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has graciously agreed to be Patron of the 1990 Queen Charlotte's Hospital Birthday Ball which will be held at Grosvenor House on Monday, September 3, 1990. All money raised at the Birthday Ball will go towards vital research and equipment for the Hospital. Tickets, at a cost of £100 each (inclusive), may be

### Mr S. Cullen and Miss J. Grantham

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

The engagement is announced between Sean Cullen, of Hammersmith, London, and Portstewart, Co Londonderry, and Julie Grantham, of Oversley Green. Warwickshire, and Syd-

Mr A.S. Dunkerley and Miss D.K. Carslaw The engagement is announced between Alan, son of the late Mr

ney, New South Wales.

S.W. Dunkerley and of Mrs S.W. Dunkerley, of Sydney, Australia, and Diana Kirsty, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P.L. Carslaw, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire,

Mr R.W. Fairbaire and Miss S.F.C. Griffin

The engagement is announced between Robert William, ekler son of Sir Brooke and Lady Fairbairn, of Newmarket, Suf-folk, and Sarah Frances Colleypriest, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Griffin, of Malmes-bury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.C.S. Harberne and Miss A.M. Cele

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Harborne, of Cap D'Ail, France, and Arnanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Cole, of West Tilbury, Essex.

Mr G.J. Morgan

and Miss S.L. Armstrong The engagement is announced between Glyn, son of Mr and Mrs David Morgan, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Armstrong, of Santa Cruz do Sul, Brazil.

Mr J.C.F. Perr

and Miss S.P. Bell The engagement is announced between John Charles Frederick, son of Brigadier and Mrs Richard Parry, of Mersham, Kent, and Suzanne Pyman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Beil, of Kingham, Oxfordshire.

and Miss P.J. Wrinch The engagement is announced between Torkild, son of Dr and Mrs H. Smith, of Kristiansand, Norway, and Penelope Jane (Penny), daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T. Wrinch, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

# Chelsea Flower Show Outdoor displays with imaginative feel

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A GARDEN for roses, from B&Q, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, has received the losses. Tree stumps and fallen Royal Horticultural Society's best garden award at the Chelsea attract wildlife, is designed as a Flower Show this year. Decountry garden, with many signed by David Stevens, the woodland plants including style is informal and reflects the current trend of mixing a wide selection of fragrant roses with 'silver-foliage plants, lilies,

astilbes, irises and many other The most imaginative garden must surely be that for the retired mariner, designed and constructed by the landscape students of Merrist Wood Colleee of Agriculture and Horticulture, in Worplesdon, Surrey. it is a secluded garden on the edge of the sea. Gentle waves lan the shingle beach, seaweed flourishes in the crystal-clear water and marram grass thrives in the sand dunes. Just beyond is a garden suitably decorated lobster pots and fishing nets draped over a pergola. The tolerant plants, including prostrate junipers, pines, phormiums, cordylines, cistus and

The Daily Express garden, the full after the storm designed by Jane Cordingley, is both imaginative and appropriate after a winter of severe gales and tree cistus and marguerites, all set off

trees have been skilfully hidden with various plants including ferns. The entire area, which will rhododendrons, foxgloves, hostas and Japanese mapies and meandering paths constructed of tree sections. Anyone with an area of devastated woodland may feel encouraged and in-spired by this display. The rock and water garden by

Douglas G Knight, of Formby, Lancashire, is entirely different. Mr Knight was inspired by the natural rock formations in the Lake District and North Wales to design a massive feature of water-worn limestone through which an impressive waterfall gushes. The water is so still and clear in the lower pool, however, that the pink alliums, yellow trollius and other plants are clearly reflected. Alpines also flourish in the rugged crevices of

the massive rocks. The Daily Mirror holiday garden designed by John Plummer is intended to remind one of holidays in the sun. A Mediterranean atmosphere is created with hardy palms, purple condylines, masses of silverfoliage plants, yuccas, gazania

by elistening white walls and gravel. However, the onset of winter will see the large tubs of tender oleanders and bougainvilleas being moved under cover for protection. Little hard landscaping has

been used in the plantsman's garden from Blooms of gham, Norfolk, as one would expect. It is packed with good garden plants, contrasting beautifully in shape, colour and texture, including many hardy perennials for which Alan Bloom is famous internationally. Many varieties which he has raised or introduced are included here, such as Heucherella 'Bridget Bloom' with its dainty sprays of light pink flowers, the double-flowered pink and white Aquilegia 'Nora Barlow' and Achillea 'Anthea', one of his newest border plants. which has silver-grey ferny foliage and lemon-yellow flowers and is named after his daughter. The wild flower and wildlife garden from John Chambers' Wild Flower Seeds, of Barton Seagrave, Northamptonshire, is equally colourful. There are bold drifts of purple and yellow

wild violas or heartsease, cow-

slips, foxgloves, com marigolds

and the annual scarlet-flowered

pheasant's eye, now very rare in the wild. The garden is enclosed

with an "old" brick wall, with plants such as ivy-leaved toad-flax and wild strawberries flourishing in the crevices. The following exhibitors have been awarded Gold Medals:

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to Miss C.A. Chapman, AMBIL Sir Charles Tidbury, Di., MBII, presided. Memorial service Colonel Humphrey Mews

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of Colonel Humphrey Mews beld yesterday at St John's Wood Church, London, NW8. The Rev John Slater officiated assisted by the Rev Stephen Trott. Mr Alastair Mews and Mr

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SMAW - On May 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Leigh) and Barry, a daughter, Alexandra Louise. TILLARD - On May 20th 1990. to Sarah and James. a daughter, Henrietta, a sister for Oliver and Patrick. TREND - On April 15th, Easter Sunday, to Michael and Jill, a son. Edward St John. WARD - On May 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Carolyn (nee Walker) and Anthony, a son, Arthle Erskine Bangor.

**MAY 23** 

i depend on God alone. I put my hope in him. Palm 62 : 5 LORENZ - On May 21st. DEATHS AMEY - On May 21st 1990, peacriuity in hospital. John William Thomas, aged 79. Father of Nicholas and Rosemary, grandfather of ARCHIFORTH - On April 1st, to Shella (née Folan) and Peter, a son. Laurence Edward John. a brother for Hadrian and Ellen. rather of Nicholas and Rosemary, grandfather of Simon, Bridget, Tessa and Robert, Special friend of Joanna, Funeral Service on Friday May 25th at 11 am at St Andrew's Church, Little Berikhamsted, near Heriford, Herifordshire, Donaklons if Gestreit in BADDELEY - On May 15th, at Dulwith Hospital, to Kerry and Jon. a son. Alexander William, a brother for Thomas.

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BIRTHS

**PURBIDGE** - On Sunday May

20th. to Jean (née Murray) and Peter a daughter. Emma Elizabeth Clare. a sister for Rosemary and Michael.

CLARK - On May 19th, to Sally (née Hourston) and Daniel a datighter. Charlotte Joanna.

COLES - On May 19th, at The Portland Hospital. to Rosa and Francis, a son.

50% - On May 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Saily the Braymany and David, a daughter. Annabel Lucy.

DAVIS - Ort May 20th, at St George's Hospital Tooting, to Angela the Lettl and Ketth, a daughter, Judie Marlama, a sister for Paul and Mark.

BIAMOND - On May 19th, at The Portland Hospital to Robert and demuler, a son. Charles Thomas, a brother to Beau and Neil.

District - On May 19th, to Paisy (nee Drury) and Patrick 8 son, Maximilian Patrick a brother for James and Clodagh.

and Clodagh.

FARMEROUSH - On May
17th. to Heather (née Milis)
and Stimon. a daughter.
Anna Greta. A sister for
Patrick.

FARCHMARSON - On May
2001: at Bad Dorkheim. to
Marina (née Göbel) and
James. a son. John James
Christobler. a brother for
Franziska.

Franziska.

FRLD - On May 17th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Judith (née Lászió) and Dadvidt. a beautiful daughter Rhiannon Viktoria.

FISH - On May 18th 1990, at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Quernaty to Sue and Chris. a daughter, Camilla Jane. 8

FITZERALD - On May 17th. at St Mary's, Paddington, to Rebecca (née Fraser) and Edward, a daughter, Blanche Catherine.

GELLATLY - On May 18th, to Jeannie (née Clements) and John, a beautiful daughter. Caroline. Welcome.

BOSKINSON - On May 18th. to Diane (nee Jackson) and Neil. a son, Matthew James.

IALLAD - On May 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Maria thee Jawbary) and Rachid, a daughter, Mayssa.

sister for Anna-Jessica and Timothy.

would be welcome. Memorial Service to be arranged.

MEGAW - On May 20th. peacefully in hospital. Thomas McElderry Megaw. D Sc.. formerly senior partner in Molt. Hay and Anderson, aged 62. Funeral private.

MILLER - On May 21st. peacefully in Sherborne. Edith. wielow of Canon Philip Miller. Much loved mothers, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Requiem on Wednesday May 30th at 12 noon. No flowers. donations to RNIB Talking Book Service.

PACE - On May 20th. suddenfy while on holiday in Devon. Lestie Alfred. Much loved father of Suzanne. Lestcy. Christopher. John-Alan. Neil and David. Funeral Service at Chichester Carematorium. Friday May 25th 11 am. Family flowers only, but donations it desired to Stoke Mandeville Hospital. ARNOLD - On May 19th 1990.

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BEVAR - On Friday May 18th. aged 86 years, Kenneth John Bevan, peacefully at Cheisisied Park Hospital.

Much lowed husband of Virginia and Richard.

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COOK - On May 25st in St. Fillan and Alphonsus Church. Doube. Pertisshire. at 5 pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday May 24th at 11 am. thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium arriving 12.30 pm. to which all friends are respectfully invited. to Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

PEAME - On May 21st 1990.

Dr. Joyce Peake, Medical
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PETHER On May 22nd 1990.

RIGH - On May 21st, at Duncote Hall Nursing Home. after a long illness, fought with courage. Commander Lawrence St George, D.S.O. and Bar. Royal Navy. of Caldecote. Towcester. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie and father of Charles. Carotine and Alice. The funeral arrangements are private and by request lamily flowers only. Donations if desired to The Subpwrecked Mariners Society. In J.S. Cowley & Son. 69-71 High Street. Stony Stratford. Milton Keynes. RUSS - On May 19th 1990. suddenly at home. Michael Shart Ross F.R.C. Peth. aged 71. Funeral at Cartist's Chapel of God's Gift. Dutwich. Friday May 25th at 2.45 pm. No flowers. Donations. If desired, to A.I.M. (Advance in Medicine). The London Hospital Medical College. London E1 or Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve. Fingringhoe. Essex. SMPSON - On May 19th. peacefully in his steep at home in Rectiourn. Lesile Alexander O.B.E. M.A. aged 88 years. Dear husban. of Wintfred, father and grandfather. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service and committal of sehes at St Mary's Church. Rectiourn. on Friday May 25th at 4 pm. No flowers. Donations to St Mary's Church Development Fund or Cancer Research. TURNBURL. On May 21st. suddenly after a long times. Gwiadys Stella (Bunty), aged 89 years, widow of Kevin Turnbuil and mother of Jeni. At last. peace. Funeral Service at South London. pin, to winker all triends are respectfully invited.

DAVIDSON - On May 17th, suddenly, lan Peter, aged 54, of Windsor, formerty of Sheil UK. Funeral at Dedworth Green Baptist Church, Windsor, on Friday May 26th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations to Cysic Fibrosis Research Trust, c/o E. Sargeant and Son, 61 St Leonard's Road, Windsor, SLA 3HX.

DELCHET - On May 17th 1990, Alain, after a short libres borne with exemplary courage, Managing Director of Reico S.A. Paris, So sadby missed by all his friends and colleagues for his leadership and personal qualities. Memorial Service to be held in Paris at 18.30 on June 1st 1990 at the Egitse de Blanc Manager.

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BWYER - On May 21st, Sr. Celline, of St Maur's Convent. Westbridge. A Regulem Mass, Convent Chapel, 11 am Friday May 25th, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'Julie Andrews Appeal Pund' St Peter's Hospital. Chertsey.

EVELEIGH - On May 19th, Helen, very much lowed, wife of Edward, mother of Martin and Richard. Funeral at Our Lady of Victories. Kensington High Street. at 10 am. Friday May 25th, followers only. Donations if desired to Capoer Research. Flowers only. Donations if desired to Capoer Research. Flowers only. Donations if desired in St Mary's Hospital. W2. Avice Bingham une Scrvice. East Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, on Wednessy May 30th at 3.15 pm. All friends will be welcome. flowers (sprays only please) to Kenyons, 85 Westbourne Grove, London W2.

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TURNER - On May 21st. at The Princess of Wates R.A.F. Hospital. Ety. The Reverend Dr. Nige: Turner. Dearly beloved by his tamily. Funeral Service at Kings Lynn Crematorium on Friday May 25th at 3.30 pm. No flowers piease, but donations to The Ety Cathedral Restoration Fund. Westbourne Grove, London W2.

GROVE-WHITE - On May 21st 1990. at S Luke's Home. Cork. Sybil Clare mee FitzGibbon), beloved wife of Col. Terence Grove-White. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Doneraile. Co. Cork. on Thursday 24th at 3 pm. on Thursday 24th at 5 pm.

MABLEY - On May 194th 1990,
peacefully at home. Edward
Newman (Ted) M.R.C.S..
L.R.C.P..
a loved and loving father and
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WEBB - On May 21st 1990.

The Reverend Doctor Eric R.

Webb M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
peacefully at Bedford, in his
94th year. A Member of the
Worshipful Society of
Apothercaries, One time
Medical Missionary with
U.S.P.G. A keen Scoulet, one
time Commissioner for the
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Webb, tei: (0908) 583235. ON THIS DAY

Tales of heroism emerged from the

Tales of heroism emerged from the account of the sinking of the P&O liner Egypt in 60 fothoms off Ushant. Loss of life was more than 70, many of them lascars. She was carrying £1 million of bullion for Bombay, of which almost all was recovered five years later by an Italian salvage crew.

LOST LINER HOW THE SHOCK CAME (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT) BREST, MAY 22

With the bright sunshine overhead and the little white-crested waves now visible for miles out to sea, it is difficult to-day to believe that on Saturday afternoon there was a dense fog lying low over the blue sea and the green and purple rocks, and that scores of men and women were struggling in the water while a great liner slowly turned over and was then engulfed for ever. I have talked to many of the

passengers, officers, and men of the Egypt of the disaster. Piecing their stories together, it is possible to give new details of what happened. The Egypt, which had met with foggy weather soon after her departure from London on Friday, was cautiously feeling her way through the foggy blanket which obscured everything. She was sounding her foghorn, and syrens were heard from time to time from various directions through the fog. From Ushant and from the light which signalled the rocks and shoals of that dangerous point were coming the usual fog

by Tri A double look-out was being kept eignals. by the Egypt on account of the fog. The passengers were mostly dressing for dinner. Suddenly there was a great shock. The Seine had just cut right into the Egypt.

1922 BOWS MADE FOR ICE The damage done was terrible, and it is said that this is largely due to the fact that the Seine is a steamer specially constructed for service in Northern seas, and so has strengthened bows built to withstand ice. This also in all probability accounts

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for the Seine's managing to keep afloat, though her bows had been hadly crushed. The wireless operator, Mr. Hani-The wireless operator, Mr. Hani-wick, who was not on duty when the accident took place, rushed to the wireless cabin and, displacing his assistant, at the captain's orders started sending out the SOS. He continued doing this till the Egypt went down, and his body was picked up two bours later by a boat from the

Unfortunately some of the native members of the crew, lascars and Goanese, lost their heads and tried to rush for the boats. The passengers to whom I have spoken on the subject are not willing to say much about this incident, except that the captain and his officers, ably aided by the male passengers, did their best to restore

order as quickly as possible. The ship's printer, Mr. Genner, of Dover, who had left in England a wife and child, was on the deck with a lifebelt which he had taken, and as the Egypt began to lurch he walked towards the port side meaning to drop into the sea. At that moment I am told he saw a woman passenger who had not been taken off. He went up to her and placed the lifebelt

round her, saying: "Here you are, madam, this belt is yours. I don't know how to swim, but I will take my chance with the

others." Genner was drowned. I am told that Sister Rhoda, one of the women who were drowned, refused to enter a boat, asking that somebody else should take her place if there was not room for all and that she would wait for the last. She then knelt on the deck in prayer and was there when the Egypt went down. WALKER - On May 20th peacefully ofter a long tiness, Fight Lieutraent H.R. (Johnny) Walker A.I.B.P. A.I.P.S., R.A.F. (retired), aged 84 years. Forms divisional photographe G.E.G.B., Portsmouth, H Nigel, and grandchildren Gary and Alson, Thanks to all the staff at Bluebell Nursing Home, Southsea. Funeral Service on Friday

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BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

he wrangle between the BBC and Harris over the suppressed On the Record poll seems set to rumble on. There are at least three points to pick at. Did the pollsters somehow fall down on the job? Did Jonathan Dimbleby's programme sidestep the poll findings because they sat at variance with a predetermined thesis? How far was there plain old-fashioned muddle, as pollsters and programme tried to separate fact from fancy in postlocal election politicking?

Whatever the niceties of the incident itself, the BBC's omission of data favourable to a continuing Thatcher leadership has given Central Office a hefty stick with which to keep on beating. And so a broader point is being heard. Should not the BBC eschew all use of polls, leaving this unnerving activity to a more market-sensitive commercial

Not for the first time, there will be an eagerness to offer broadcast journalists ground rules different from those that operate in print; and then, within the broadcasting sector, impose a more

stringent regime on the BBC than on its rivals. But where is the logic in arbitrarily depriving one set of workmen fessional tools? Blanket condemna-

tion, in any case, misses the point. Why do broadcasters rely so heavily on polls, given that this reliance often proves

Television's intoxication with polling is at its giddiest in Results Specials, those long treks into the early hours where anticipatory polls serve as iron rations for the journey. It was a special skill of Professor Bob McKenzie to contrive to convey a sense that such polls were decently arrived at, but should be taken with a pinch of salt. Somehow the Swingometer held the act together. The intrusion of three-party volatility in the Seventies did damage, initially to the regularity of the Swingometer; then McKenzie's successors over-compensated by going into overdrive. The end result nowadays betrays a schizophrenic scattiness, as significance is extrapolated from findings that fall to earth with a bump as soon as the actual

Such parlour-game antics will remain a late-night feature, unless and until returning officers are allowed to computerize and speed up the count. Here polls provide an essential programming crutch. But, elsewhere, editorial need for poll support is less pressing. Why, then, do broadcasters still

The need is most keenly felt at home. Broadcasters reporting from abroad are normally accorded cautious respect. So. the reputation of the World Service stands high; the frontline work of a Kate Adie or a Paul Davies will be seen and believed for what it is; day in day out, reporters candidly file and reflect from Beirut to Bangkok, from Prague to Pretoria. If the work is good, then authority follows, careers of substance are fashioned. No extra underpinning is thought necessary.

The situation is not the same on the United Kingdom beat, nor has it ever been. The restriction on broadcasting that says reporters should not editorialize is narrowly interpreted by British politicians to mean that reporters should offer conclusions only where such conclusions are demonstrably neutral. Hence a fondness for polls, to help stand up" propositions that might otherwise seem plucked from the air, setting the agenda. Unfortunately, the strategem is doubly flawed. It places upon opinion polls a greater editorial burden than they should properly

bear. And, it is of little help in damping down any subsequent political row: indeed the broadcast may be held to be all the more pernicious for having gone to

quasi-scientific lengths to embarrass. John Birt's way through this difficulty has been to seek to infuse BBC journalism with "experts". They would hail mostly from print, and arrive with credentials established, authority intact and transferable, needing no further crutch. Polly Toynbee, Peter Jay and to a degree - Jonathan Dimbleby joined on this ticket. But as yet they have been given no special room to manoeuvre. In consequence, Toynbee, Jay and the others seem to be cut down to television size, smaller than they had once been in

roadcast journalists should stake a simple claim. Their only value as reporters lies in the insights they bring to what is otherwise raw data; well-judged assessment, even if forthright, does not automatically entail bias; a developed profession - and remember broadcasting is now well into its second half-century - requires such assessments to be formulated and proclaimed. Rows there will still be, but broad-shouldered editors can live with that, provided reputations rise and fall in accordance with the consistency, clarity and wisdom displayed. This is how it is in print, and print seems none the worse

# The selling of the Pope '

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he pulpit, the soap-box and the pious votive candle lighted before a plaster statue to speed the conversion of infidels are beginning to look a little vieux jeu in modern religion. For years the American evangelists have been harnessing modern advertising techniques, with varying degrees of taste, to the imperishable word of God; and the same process advanced in Britain this week with the news that Richard Pollen has been appointed to handle PR for the Vatican-backed "Evangelization 2000" drive. This campaign aims to convert as many people as possible to the Catholic faith by December 25, 2000 AD, "because that is, of course," says Pollen with slightly disturbing literalism, "our Lord's two thousandth birthday". He should not be taken for a naive

man: he is both practising Catholic and very practised PR man. Pollen was co-founder and chief executive of the advertising and PR agency Valin Pollen in 1979, but had become a nonexecutive director before the débacle in which VPI took over the American Carter Organization in 1987, and "everything went sour" when Don Carter himself was found guilty of tax evasion and overcharging. He lost out financially from his Valin Pollen holdings, but was already well established in a small hi-tech office near his home in Surrey, working as an independent consultant. As a devout Catholic, he treats his latest client as something of a favourite. "E2000", as he calls it, was the initiative of two Catholic priests: American Father Tom Forrest, and Father Jim Birmingham, from Ireland. They head a small core group in Rome which plans to launch the conversion decade at Christmas this year, and their enterprise has been blessed by the Pope and funded. Mr Pollen reveals cautiously, "by a number of founda-tions dedicated to spreading the word of God. The main foundation is Dutch-based, highly complicated and very, er, discreet. I couldn't sit down and make a forecast of spending on two-thirds of a page ad in every top quality national paper of every conti-nent in the world."

The awkward term "Evangelization" has been chosen in preference to



The Pope's persuader: Richard Pollen . . . "I think that this account will really take off. The moment is right"

"Evangelism" because of the connotations of American hard-sell fundraising which have attached to the shorter word. This has not bothered the Anglican churches, which are coincidentally also running a "Decade of Evangelism", but the Catholic party prefers it. "What it is about," Mr Pollen says, "is the conversion of non-Christians into Christianity and ultimately Catholicism; and also the conversion of existing Christians and Catholics into better ones. Lapsed Catholics are a very important sector, because they are, as it were, setting an example. But none of it has anything to do with fund-raising."

He expects to be commuting, at some stages, weekly to Rome: "I think this account will really take off. The moment is right. Perhaps because of Eastern Europe, there is a great world feeling that we need something other than material things. Something to turn to. In doing this, I think that the role of publicity and promotion is more important all the time." Advertising will, he insists, be "tasteful and controlled. I intend a sensitive mix of ingredients, between Catholic broadmindedness and futuristic this account: it might be nothing one creativity. I'm deliberately using month, then the next there could be a people creatively who aren't Catholics or even Christians, because you must become your target." This he sees as a shortcoming of most religious advertising it is all written by existing

A number of events are planned, beginning with a massive four-day conference-retreat by 7,000 priests in Rome this September. "It will hit the headlines, with speakers such as Mother Teresa - health permitting - and the Pope, time permitting." That is his first publicity target.

owever, promoting spe-cific events and facilities the huge retreat, a central enquiry telephone line, a whistle-stop world tour of committed youth in aeroplanes - is at least a comprehensible and predictable function for a PR firm. When it comes to a more generic approach to advertising Catholicism, the mind begins to boggle. PR is a craft which guides fashion, promotes fun and status, teases money out of consumer pockets. Spirituality is another area, ying deeper and less accessible in the human soul: real conversion is a matter more private than sexuality, more elusive than reason. It has little to do with trend or peer-pressure or celebrity endorsement or any of the other measures of successful PR: it is a Graham Greene business of slipping into a shabby confessional out of the rain, or kneeling alone in a bedroom. The gap yawns ludicrously.

"Yes," Mr Pollen agrees. "It does. But so many other private and personal things get publicized and aired now, I think the time has come. I

mean, as soon as you get Terry Wogan interviewing Mother Teresa, it gets talked about and huge support comes in. Or take shrines, like Medjugorje, where the Virgin Mary has been appearing - it's quite tremendous, the biggest tourist spot in Yugoslavia now, and constantly talked about. I've been three times, and it is wonderful. Communications do count. But I hear what you are saying. I can't treat this whole issue as aggressively as I would an ordinary corporate communications job. It has to be, er, product-

And what about the chief client, Pope John Paul II himself? Some might see him as a PR liability, rather too prone to speak unfashionably ev cathedra about sexuality and women's roles, or about liberation theology and the various rebellions always brewing in corners of the Catholic empire (record numbers of celibate priests are leaving in order to marry). Mr Pollen is loyal. "Oh no, the Pope's the most brilliant PR man in the world. Look at him . . . he's magnificent."

Nevertheless, there are surely moments when a PR man would like to advise the MD, bluntly, against a particular speech or emphasis? And won't he be frustrated in this respect? "Oh indeed. There are some areas where Pollen's just got to keep his mouth shut."

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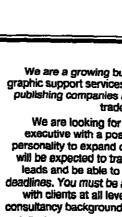
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As New York lurches deeper into racial confrontation, the television and news media

are under attack, James Bone reports

o hear Mayor David Dinkins tell it, the "crisis" in race relations in New York is largely a creation of the media. During the a past 10 days, he has repeatedly criticized local newspapers and television stations for fanning the flames of racial unrest by quoting extremists. An assortment of professors of journalism and sanctimonious newspaper columnists have echoed his lament.

Where do these people live? None of them can have been in my local Chinese takeaway when a young black man was accidentally shortchanged \$10 (£6.25) out of a \$20 bill. The Chinese cashier accused him, I think wrongly, of pocketing the banknote and the infuriated customer emptied his pockets on to the counter. No \$10 bill. "Not all black people steal," he yelled. Inevitably, the police were called,

and the situation was resolved by the Chinese manager parting with money from his own pocket to avoid trouble. The police were probably right when they accused the black man of having an "atti-tude problem" - but I doubt he got it from the media. When he left the takeaway, he crossed the street and went back to sleep in the park. I imagine the only newspapers he read were those he slept on.

Mr Dinkins seems to have decided that a round of media-bashing may be the best way to heal New York's racial divisions, on the theory that if events like this go unrecorded, they do not exist. He might be right.

By last weekend, the main targets

of animosity in this tense city were the news media. Television crews venture into some areas only when accompanied by private security guards, and news photographers wear bullet-proof vests. As Gail Collins, a Daily News columnist, put it: "Black and white, Christian and Jew, united in their hatred of anybody with a pencil."

Mr Dinkins was elected as New York's first black mayor in the aftermath of the racial killing of a black youth by a white mob in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. Voters hoped he would be able to heal the wounds, and he immediately adopted a softly-softly approach. For months, he ignored a black

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groceries in Brooklyn, which began when immigrant workers at the shop scuffled with a black woman accused of shoplifting. The Press followed suit. Then, earlier this month, a New York judge criticized the mayor's inaction — and the media jumped on the bandwagon. It was particularly timely because two murder cases stemming from the Bensonhurst killing were reaching their conclusion.

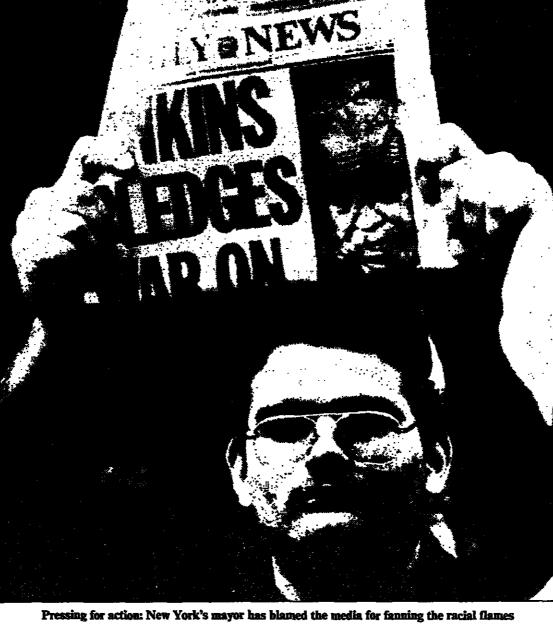
Ironically, Mr Dinkins's response to press criticism was to turn to the media himself. He delivered what he called a "major, major speech" on race relations, during which he apparently discovered the expediency of criticizing the media, Aides the mayor was taken aback when his closing remarks - asking the media to play its part in easing tension - received rapturous ap-plause from the assembled dignitaries. He has scolded the Press several times since, and others have

begun to follow his example. The dialogue is dominated by those who can shout the loudest and spew the most venom," Mr Dinkins said. "It is incumbent upon those in the media to seek out and cover those whose views may be less confrontational.

The headline that particularly offended him was run by the tabloid New York Post. "Guilty - or Else", the newspaper squawked before the Bensonhurst verdict. In an exclusive report, the Post quoted the Rev Al Sharpton, a controversial black leader, as saying: "If they the jurors come back with less than murder, you are lighting a match to the end of a powder keg and telling us to

burn the town down." Most New Yorkers continue to be fascinated, and appalled, by Mr Sharpton. He is so much a New York phenomenon that if God had not made one, New Yorkers would have had to invent one. In fact Tom Wolfe did, the Rev Bacon, a demagogic preacher-politico in his

novel Bonfire of the Vanities. By rights, Mr Sharpton should have been discredited a long time ago. A former FBI informant, he is now on trial for setting up a fake charity to fund his career as a concert promoter. Yet he managed to turn false allegations by a black teenage girl called Miss Tawana



Brawley of gang rape into a cause célèbre, and has become a central figure in the Bensonhurst case. As Mr Dinkins said, the bouffanthaired Mr Sharpton "could have announced the appointment schedule for his hairdresser and several

cameras would have shown up". Mr Dinkins has good reason to dislike Mr Sharpton. The radical preacher and his supporters have fired off some robust insults against the mayor in recent days. After Mr Dinkins's address to the city on racism, for example, Mr Vernon Mason, an anti-semitic lawyer who is an ally of Mr Sharpton, complained: "He ain't got no African left in him. He's got too many yarmulkes [skullcaps] on his head."

The sad fact is that Mr Sharpton has somehow won a following even if it is, as one witness told his trial last month, by paying protesters a \$5 attendance fee. He has been appointed official spokesman for the family of Yusuf Hawkins, the 16-year-old shot in Benson-

hurst, and last week was insisting on ground rules for any television stations that wanted to interview the boy's father.

All that means that Jerry Nachman, editor of the New York Post, is probably right when he defends his newspaper's decision to run its "Guilty - or Else" story by arguing that it is news if the spokesman for the Bensonhurst victim threatens to torch the city.

Nevertheless, a parade of talking heads has been eager to condemn the media's sensationalism. They point to the intense competition between the city's three tabloids and the fact that this is the month when local television stations have their audience share determined. The New York Times ventured the typically wordy conclusion: "A review of news coverage of the Bensonhurst murder trials and the boycott of Korean grocery stores in Brooklyn over the past two weeks gests that the critics were justified in labelling some print coverage superficial and sensational and in denouncing much local television coverage as distortingly inflammatory."

But reporters are feeling the brunt of this criticism out on the streets. Photographers have been attacked by both blacks and whites, and three TV vans were set upon and four reporters hurt after the Bensonhurst verdict.

Perhaps the best gauge of the prevailing anti-media sentiment came outside the Brooklyn courthouse while protesters awaited verdicts in the Bensonhurst trial. One man, identifying himself only as the "Reparation and Compensation for Slavery Man", kept photographers amused by burning an American flag. When he was finished, a TV crew tried to light up a barbecue. The police and fire brigade arrived and told the journalists to put it out. "Are you telling me you can burn the flag here, but I can't burn a hamburger?" a television engineer. This time, he won the day.

# But where were the Americans?

Luxembourg's big TV conference was marred by cancellations

efforts to be regarded as the media capital of Europe, always was a strange destination for a transatlantic showdown. And so it proved vesterday.

The original script for the grand-sounding Luxembourg Media Summit was certainly mouthwatering. In one corner, there would be the dollar-rich US media moguls and highpowered Bush Administration officials, who are plotting reprisals against the European Community for threatening to restrict the amount of prestige American programming, such as Dallas, shown on our

In the other corner, British and European broadcasters would be joined by EC officials slightly puzzled by the American attitude - given that country's record of not showing imported programmes on their screens but who essentially wanted to encourage television programme production in Europe to meet the growing demand from new channels.

odged a formal objection to the imposition of programme quotas in the EC directive on transfrontier broadcasting, there was even talk of the summit being needed to avoid a highly damaging trade war.

The directive originally proposed that 60 per cent of programming screened by European broadcasters should be made in the EC, thereby restricting non-EC (mainly American) material to 40 per cent. That was subsequently watered down to "a reasonable proportion".

But America, the world's largest exporter of television programmes, remained

furious. Unfortunately -- particularly for the European delegates, who each paid £800 (excluding air fares and accommodation) for the twoday event - the all-action script had to be abandoned when the American participants did not turn up. As the Duchy of Luxembourg could

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membourg, which is times over, perhaps the making strenuous Americans could not take the event seriously. Perhaps they

could not find it. Whatever the reason, Robert Mosbacher, the US Secretary of Commerce and the main attraction for the likes of Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, excused himself. So did his intended replacement, Carla Hills, a US

trade representative. So did Ted Turner, chief executive of Turner Broadcasting, Robert Wright, chief executive of NBC; Frank Mancuso, president of Para-mount; Frank Wells, chief executive of Walt Disney; and Stephen Ross, chief executive of Time-Warner.

₹ he British, excluding Robert Maxwell, turned up in strength as usual, although Mr Checkland appeared less than pleased by the dismal turn-out from the other side of the Atlantic. He had been particularly anxious to stress to American officials that the BBC did not favour quotas in any form.

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The American delegation might also have been surprised to learn from Jean Dondelinger, the EC Commissioner responsible for the media, that quotas were last year's argument, and that he looked forward to an audiovisual area "organized in association with our partners around the world, beginning with the US".

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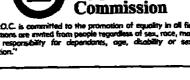
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Whose car is it anyway? Mick, a former cab driver who is now Adam Faith's chanffeur, waiting by the Bentley while his employer nipped off for slightly longer than planned

# Please belt up in the back seat

he bond between a boss and his chauffeur can run the gamut of working relationships from mutual respect to open warfare. While many chief executives are able to relax in regal splendour, for some sitting impotently in the back seat of a car is so frustrating that they resort to some distinctly unbusinesslike behaviour. Screaming directions at their drivers, ordering them to jump red lights, leaping out in jams to move traffic cones or leaning over to hoot the horn are just some of the distractions chauffeurs have to handle.

At an industrial tribunal this week chauffeur John Merkel was awarded £5,431 compensation and back pay for unfair dismissal after it was revealed that his boss, the newly appointed general manager of a City bank, once leant forward and changed the gear of the automatic car, putting it from neutral into reverse. Mr Merkel, whose 11-year record with the bank was previously unblemished, was also once given a written warning about the way he kept hold of the steering wheel.

Jean Denton, a former director of the Rover car company, says she it saved so much time trying to find somewhere to park, although some-

times it can be a disadvantage. Noe Edmonds told me he went to a party and told his chauffeur to come back in three hours, but he hated the party and wanted to leave after half an hour. He didn't have any money with him so he and his wife had to hang around in a doorway until the chauffeur came back. You have to have them there early in case that sort of thing happens so you end up abusing them, but that is part of the job. I certainly would never tell the chauffeur how to drive the car, you have to delegate."

She says it is true that, like hairdressers, chauffeurs are privy to intimate secrets which they keep under their peaked caps: They know everything that is going on and enjoy gossiping as much as anyone, so long as they trust you not to say where you heard it."

According to the Transport Road and Research Laboratory, if everyone who sits in the back wore a seat belt there would be 9,000 fewer injuries and 150 fewer deaths every vear - and a hoss would not be able to lean over and interfere with his chauffeur's driving. Robert Vince of Weybridge in Surrey, who runs his own advertising agency, confesses over my chauffeur's shoulder and pressed the hooter because someone

A chauffeur's lot is not a happy one,

Heather Kirby reports

in front was doing something very silly," he says. "I hate not being in control, and I always seem to think he is either going too fast or too slow. I change my chauffeurs every three or four years because they get

Natural restraint, a knowledge of diplomatic etiquette and a certain amount of cunning are a few of the qualities a good chauffeur has to learn, according to Peter Perris, principal of the Rolls-Royce School of Driving Instruction at Crewe, where they have special four-day courses for chauffeurs. Seventy per cent of those who take the course are sent by companies, at a cost of £625 plus VAT and accommodation. Mr Perris says: "If the boss is late for an appointment and the chauffeur is aiready doing 70mph, he has to use a bit of psychology. It is his driving licence which is at stake, so he can pretend to put on a bit of speed by driving slightly more erratically, of the brake or with a heavier use of the throttle.

"Chauffeurs have no option but to listen to conversations, but they should not absorb what they hear. They cannot answer back, which can be exasperating. Also, it can be very embarrassing for both driver and passenger if there is repeated eye contact, so they must avoid that

by moving the rear-view mirror." When he's getting out of a car the chauffeur must not touch the paintwork, glass or chrome, even if he has gloves on, in case he leaves fingerprints, Mr Perris says, "It looks sloppy, and the one person who is bound to notice is the boss's wife. As far as helping females into the car is concerned, there are special instructions for that. He must stand upright, looking towards the back of the car, in a position where he can give help with parcels if it is needed but not so that he is able to see anything that he shouldn't."

Chauffeurs' salaries can vary from £8.000-£15,000; they rarely belong to a union, are usually over 25 because of the insurance, work unsocial hours (sometimes 17 hours daily in a seven-day week), know the best cheap restaurants, tend to get £10 or £20 tips at places such as Ascot, and are treated best by Americans and Australians, according to Mrs Merle Reed, proprietor of a City chauffeur hire company. They also get the opportunity to run around in the company Roller at the weekend, but few of them do.

Mick, a 33-year-old former cab driver who is now Adam Faith's chauffeur, explained on the Bentley's car phone yesterday: "I could go out for the day in it but I wouldn't want to bash it. I haven't scratched it, not yet. Adam's all right to work for, he doesn't get wound up, not about the traffic anyway because there's nothing you can do about it, so what's the point of getting a heart attack? If he's late. he's late. Anyway, he's got two phones to keep him busy, and a portable typewriter.

"I've been doing this job for 18 months and I like it. We do about 1.000 miles a week. I didn't know London at all, which he was pleased about because he could show me all the ways he likes to go. The salary's good he's a nice person and the family's nice. Now and again I do little jobs for them when he doesn't need me. The worst part is not being able to plan anything. Even if he's going home early a few nights in a

row, something always turns up.
"I'm sitting outside a place in the West End at the moment, He said he'd be 10 minutes. That was an hour ago."

### baby to go under water, "proinfants a week are taken to vided certain safety guidelines are followed. A mother should always be with her baby and never allow him to go deeper than 2st and only for between five to 10 seconds. When underwater, a baby naturally holds his breath and when he comes to the surface will spire out excess water." Sharon Zeqiri, aged 29, is the mother of one of the babies in the British Gas advertisement. Her eight-

Association, accompanied

Halton Roy to the Red Sea. She believes that it is safe for a

Are the water

babies safe?

As the British Gas babies swim into the

nation's heart, there are worries

A a boom in swimmer and for babies. At Crystal 2,500 a boom in swimming

Palace, London, about 2,500

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This week, however, an

advertisement for British Gas.

showing a group of babies

swimming underwater in the

Red Sea, raised the whole

question of safety for the water

Halton Roy, the company which produced the advertise-

ment, says four British babies (aged between six months and

II months) were used in the

shots. They were immersed

for a maximum of 10 seconds

"We did our research very

thoroughly," Amos Manas-

seh, the producer, insists. The babies had several practice

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(Rospa) however, are not

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ll over Britain, there is of the Swimming Teachers

month-old son Billy was used for about three shots on each of four days. "He was in the water for about three to four minutes and underneath it for just a few seconds. He seemed to have a natural reflex which made him hold his breath. I wasn't worried about him going under the water because he seemed to enjoy it so much. When we returned, Billy had a check which showed his hearing was excellent."

Carol Hicks, the author of Teach Your Child to Swim, and the instructress at Crystal Palace, says that babies in her classes might go under for "a second, but no more"

Yesterday British Gas endorsed the warning from the ASA that parents should not attempt to copy scenes from their advertisement: "We want to make it absolutely clear to parents with young babies that they must seek professional advice if they wish to teach their babies to swim. Parents must not attempt to submerge their babies in water."

caused by swallowing too The ASA advises all mothmuch water - and the baby ingesting infected water. ers to choose classes run by The Amateur Swimming teachers who hold its "parent Association is equally con-cerned: "Submerging a baby and baby certificates". Wendy Coles, the ASA spokesperson, to 2ft is the equivalent of adds that no baby should submerging an adult to 16 ft. swim unless he has had his Our medical advisers say first two sets of innoculation submergence could hurt a and that he should not stay in the water for longer than 10 Anne Hawley, a member of

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Splashing out: mother and baby at a swimming class

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# & BRIEFLY Animal

crackers So great was the popularity of Ten Hen" units among Times readers (& Briefly, December 14 1988) that the company has decided to expand its successful formula to include other types of self-

assembly animal houses.

Several styles of "handy" henhouses have been developed in response to readers' demands for smaller units housing only three or four layers for just a few fresh eggs from the bottom of the garden; in addition, there is now a "duck billet", "bunny hut" and dog house. All components are interchangeable, and specifications can be altered by the addition of runs, legs, removable partitions, mesh windows, etc. There is even a

playhouse for children along similar lines for £60 - although you still have to feed

and water them at home. All can be assembled in minutes, the company promises, without the use of any tools. Further details from Ten Hen, The Gables, Framingham Pigot, Norwich NR14 7QJ (05086 2453).

# Foody stores

Supermarkets have often sacrificed quality for conve-

nience, but a new chain - the first of which will open in London's Putney next week promises to go back to the "good old days" of specialist food emporia, but in a 15,000

sq ft space. Packaging will be minimal, as meat and fish and cheeses will be freshly cut, coffee freshly roasted and ground, fresh vegetables bought in from Covent Garden market, and pastries and breads baked on the premises by a master baker. An organic section will include meats as well as

> ectables and fruits. The first Food Store - the brainchild of Neil Fairley, ex-Tie Rack and Next - will be in business from next Thursday at the Putney Exchange, High Street, Putney, London SW15.

### First show

The first Green Consumer Exhibition opens tomorrow at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1, and will run until Monday

May 28. An offshoot of the Festival for Mind, Body and Spirit - now in its fourteenth year and running concurrently in the halls - it boasts 70 exhibitors from animal activist groups to consumer product developers.

Tickets are £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for pensioners and £1.50 for children, including a free catalogue. An entrance donation of £2 will be asked for each talk and there will be free childcare facilities on the premises. The halls are open from 10.30am until 8.30pm weekdays and 7.30pm weekends and Bank Holiday Monday. Enquiries to New Life Designs, the company which runs both exhibitions, at 170 Campden Hill Road, London W8 7AS (071-938 3788).

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### Time flies

Time pieces de résistance will go on display from next Tuesday until Saturday June 16 at Garrard's, the Crown jewellers. They include a macabre skull watch originally thought to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, the watch used to navigate the ship Discovery on its way to found Vancouver, Canada, in 1791, and examples from the private collections of great watchmakers such as Patek Philippe.

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# Cabinet skeletons

FIFTY years ago this week, as France fell, another battle was raging in the War Cabinet. On one side was Churchill who stood, despite certain private doubts, for victory at all costs. On the other, his foreign secretary Halifax, who wanted a negotiated settlement with Hitler on the best available terms at the time.

That much we have long known. What Lindsay Charlton and Chris Oxley promised in their documentary Divided We Stand Thames) was a more detailed account of the appeasers and how far down the road to surrender they were prepared to travel.

In the event, we were given rather less. The programme spent 30 minutes on what looked like highlights from Jeremy Isaacs' 15-year-old World at War. Only after the break did it reveal the existence of a Red Book listing 250 members of a secret society.

The trouble is that this book dates from 1939, before war was declared. Even 50 years later, the

programme seemed, oddiy, unable to interview the survivors among those involved. It returned, rather, to familiar archive footage of such well-known Nazi sympathizers as the late Duke of Windsor, probably because HRH is now safely out of the reach of his libel

Stories were told of secret appeasement conclaves in Stockbolm and San Francisco during 1940, but these have been turning up in war diaries for years. So have the realities of Churchill's Cabinet struggles, and the post-Dunkirk political rage of MPs such as Michael Foot.

Only in its closing moments, when the programme told of a meeting between Lady Halifax and Churchill at which she objected to her husband's exile to Washington and Sir Winston outlined the real reasons for it, did we begin to see how much more fascinating the film could have been. Technically intriguing - in its use of colour footage and a device whereby a cigarette can now be seen to smoke through a still photograph - Divided We Stand only suggested that, even now, the 1940 files are being

SHERIDAN MORLEY

CRITICS'CHOICE: OPERA/DANCE

**OPERA** LONDON

ILTROVATORE (Verdi): Less than riveting staging by Piero Faggioni, but top cast back to full strength: Vaness, Steblianko, Leiferkus and Randová Sian Edwards takes baton from Edward Downes on May 29 Royal Opera House, Covent Garden,

London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, Sat and Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50-£82. THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (Mozart); Lively revival by Rebecca Meitlis of original production by Jonathan Miller. Gregory Yurisich and Lesley Garrett are the Count's

resourceful valet and his fiancée. English National Opera, Colseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight-Sat, 7pm, £3-£33. CLARISSA: Robin Holloway's

outraged some by its handling of rape, others by its unashamed borrowing from Wagner, Tippett et el. A serious case of rape and pillage. ENO (as above), Fri and Tues, 7.30pm,

OPERA 80: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) and The Merry Widow Lehár). A short run in the capital to end their nationwide tour. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight and Fri (Lucia), Thurs, Set and Tues (Widow), the last "eigned" for the deaf, 7.30pm, £4£16.

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**OPERA NORTH: Don Pasquale** Howarth lead the cast in Patrick Meson's production for Opera North (fonight, Fri); Orpheus and Eurydice (Gluck): Finely conducted by Clive Timms. Sally Burgess as the hapless musician (tomorrow, Sat). Theatre Royal, York (0904 623568), 7.15pm, £7-£20.

THE MAGIC FLUTE: The first Mozart production in this country from (review overleaf) Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111). Tonight, Fri and Sun, 5.25pm. £30-£75.

LA BOHEME (Puccini) and DON PASQUALE (Donizetti): Travelling Opera's unconventional productions give the legendary citizens of Tunbridge Wells a chance to forge a new image for themselves. Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells (0892 30613), tonight (Bohëme) and tomorrow (Pasquale), 7.30pm, £8-£12.

SALOME (Strauss): Subtle, understated study of eroticism by André Engel. Cynthia Makris as the princess with the kinky tastes. Scottish Opera, Theatre Royal, Glasgow, Hope Street (041 331 1234), tomorrow and Tues, 8pm, 55-525.50.

OTELLO (Verdi): Return of Peter Stein's highly praised production for WNO, with Jeffrey Lawton and Faith Esham in the lead roles. Welsh National Opera, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844), Tues, 7.15pm,

BARRY MILLINGTON DANCE

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: A triple bill from tonight until Seturday of Alston's Dealing with Shadows set to Mozart; a new work by choreographer Siobhan Davies to a commissioned Tetley's Embrace Tiger and Return to

Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488). tomorrow-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Fri, 2.30pm, A MATTER OF CHANCE: New work

for the Kosh acrobatic movement with words by Roger McGough. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), eves, 8pm (Wed, 7.30pm), £7. (No performances May 27-

ROMEO AND JULIET: Sylvie Guillem's debut as Juliet in the Royal Ballet Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC1 (071 240 1066), Fri and

Mon. 7.30pm, £1-£41. TRITON: World première for Mayfest by Philippe Decoufié and his company of dancers, acrobats, musicians and actors from France. The Tramway, Glasgow (041 227 5511), Fri-Sat, 7.30pm, 25.

MOVES AFOOT: Two nights of new dance selected by Sue MacLennari. Performers include Gregory Nash (Sat) and Julyen Hamilton (Sun) Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm, 25 ECHOING OF TRUMPETS: Revival by

English National Batlet of Antony Tudor's work about courage and cruelty in wartime, with Christopher Bruce's latest ballet, set to Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. Palace Theatre, Manchester (051 236 9922), Mon and Tues, 7.30pm, £6-£22.

LA FILLE MAL GARDEE; Ashton's remantic comedy for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (Mon-Thurs); Triple bill of The Dream, Flowers of the Forest and the world première of a new Lustig ballet (Fri, Sat, Set mat). Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Set mat, 2.30pm, £7-£21. Until May 31.

JOHN PERCIVAL PERFORMANCE ART

TALKING PICTURES: Lucky Paople, 1989 Edinburgh Fringe first, this piece shows promise amongst younger mime work. Using rapid visual story-telling. mime and text, it looks at the rise and fall of the yuppie with comic irony. 'Mortimer Wilson Centre, Grange Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire (0773 832331), Thurs, 7.30pm, £2 (£1).

EDGE 90 - NEWCASTLE: This international festival of "innovative visual arts" offers a challenging strong work by Richard Wilson and Rosie Leventon (GB), a mad maze by Australian Mike Parr and a dramatic bee piece by Mark Thompson.
Performances by Karen Finley (USA)
(tonight, 8.30pm); Martin Spanjaard
(Netherlands) (Fri, 2pm); Ben
Patterson (USA) (Fri, 10pm); Orlan
(Erance) (Set 2pm); Martina Abramone (Yugoslavia) (Sat, 10pm). Conference: Art and Life in the Nineties (Fri, Sat, 10am-6pm). Installations: Daily 12-6pm at 60 Hanover Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (until Tues). For further details:

091 232 0862. O SAY CAN YOU SEE? An ICA season of new performance from the US. A real chance to find out about the American performance scene with Writer/performer John O'Keete uses his secret childhood language,

"Shimmer", as a means of contemporary story-telling (tonight, tomorrow, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 9.30pm). The V-Girls, known as "the bad girls of aesthetic and academe", present papers on works of art and literature with satirically sharp humour (Fri-Sun, 7.30pm). illegel Alien no 1403209 by Guillermo Gomez-Peña gives a pithy exemination of Mexican/American border culture (Tues and May 30, 8pm). ICA, The Mell, London SW1 (071-930 3647), 26 (£5) plus £1 day membership.

MAYFEST AT THE THIRD EYE CENTRE: The US also hits the Third Eye Centre with the V-Giris (tonight, tomorrow, 9.30pm) and the British début of Goat Island Performance Group (Trurs-Set, 7.30pm). A new young Chicago-based collective, this is a must for those who have wondered about the influence of the incredible Wooster Group on the next generation of performers in America. Rigorous of partirment patterns, gruelling performance tasks, autobiographical

text and film tableaux all combine to exemine the hypocrisy involved in morality and power structures. Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehali Street, Glasgow (041 332 0522), 55

THE BRIGHTON FESTIVAL AT THE ZAP: Man Act in Slow Dancing. This strong performance duo work with 20 strong performance dut work was 25 dancers to re-enact the desperation of the gruelling dance marathons of the Depression. Clear well-thought-out processes used to make strong

Zap Club, Old Ship Beach, Brighton, (0273 775987), Thurs-Set, Bpm, £4.50

GHISLAINE BODDINGTON



# Painted glory by the Thames

The Courtauld Institute has found a fine home for its art treasures.

George Hill reports

blank patch in the centre of Londoners' mental map of their city is at last about to be filled again. For generations, the name of Somerset House has scarcely implied a place at all: like the names of Whitehall and, more recently, of Marsham Street, it has almost become an abstraction, with a dreary generic implication of red tape, dusty files and institutional anonymity.

But next month, the collections of the Courtauld Institute open to the public again at their new home, in the splendid rooms in Somerset House which were built for the Royal Academy in the days of Sir Joshua Reynolds. The forgotten quadrangle between the Strand and the Thames will take its place on the map again. At least, one side of it will.

"It is a disgrace how this building, which is perhaps the greatest monument of neo-classical architecture in central London, has been ignored," Dr Dennis Farr, director of the galleries, said yesterday at a preview for the press. "In Paris or Madrid, this ensemble would have been a major tourist attraction for decades. Here it is hidden behind forbidding iron gates."

The move from its former cramped quarters at the top of a groaning lift in Bloomsbury has enabled the Courtauld to fulfil its long-held ambition of bringing under one roof all its collections, its studios and laboratories. At Somerset House, there is space to show 80 per cent of the Courtauld's collections of paintings, furniture and silver.

Yesterday, the galleries were in the midst of preparations for the formal opening by Queen Eliza-beth the Queen Mother next month. Sawdust covered the carpet and quattrocento madonnas peered mistily out through plastic



Dr Dennis Farr, director of the Courtauld galleries, flanked by Van Gogh's "Peach blossom in the Cran" and "Self Portrait"

wrappings. The press picked their way carefully round 16th-century majolica flagons clustered on the floor waiting for their glass case to be put up. But the success of the marriage between Sir Joshua's fine rooms and the Courtauld's fine paintings was already apparent. The pictures look as if they have lived there all their lives.

Manet's barmaid at the Folies-Bergere gazes dreamy-eyed out in the general direction of the Probate Registry, surrounded by shimmering bottles of beer and champagne, and oblivious equally to the hubbub of Parisian nightlife in the 1880s and London picture-hanging in the 1990s. Cranach's "Adam and Eve"

consider whether to yield to temptation two storeys above the Strand. In a fur hat beside a fireplace is Van Gogh, his ear still bandaged, looking like someone the ticket-desk might well have turned away at the door. The Cézannes are a catalogue of images we have lived with all our lives: the card-players, the lake island, the plaster Cupid wrestling

with emptiness, the mountain. "We have pictures here which people who have never set foot in a picture-gallery know well from table-mats and tea-towels," said Dr Farr. "What we have to do now is tempt them in. We hope to get a banner strung up in the Strand saying: 'Here we are!'.'

Here and there a distracting flash of reflected light on a Rubens or a Botticelli reminds one of the fierce arguments that raged over these rooms in the 1970s, when a campaign was waged to use them to display Turner landscapes. Desperate to keep their hands on their Turners, the trustees of the Tate Gallery blackened the name of Somerset House with assertions that the lighting of the rooms was all wrong for the display of paintings, and that the 18thcentury fabric was too damp and vulnerable to fire for masterpieces to be trusted there.

"I have no qualms about these rooms," said Dr Farr. "The Tate ustees were mainly mounting a political campaign because they didn't want to lose their Turners. These are superb rooms for the display of paintings."

The 1970s campaigners did not limit their sights to the ceremonial rooms on the north side of Somerset House, with their ornate plaster ceilings, which have now become the new home for the Courtand Institute. The other three sides of the quadrangle are still in the grip of the Civil Service (notably the Inland Revenue), and the lofty terrace which stands on great rusticated arches overlooking the Thames remains closed to

"I very much regret that the old campaigns lost their momentum," says Andrew Faulds, MP, who was Labour spokesman for the arts in the 1970s. "The building itself is magnificent, and the bureaucrats shoud be cleared out so that the space can be used as an arts centre

and for learned societies." Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, was in the thick of the controversies of 1975. "The department on the river frontage didn't like the idea of people parading on the terrace in front of their windows," he says. "But it would be easy to put up a wire, to stop people peering in at the state documents. It is tragic that the campaign to open the terrace came to nothing."

Somerset House sources indicated yesterday that they had no thought of decamping. As for opening the river terrace, their comment was that they were not aware that the possibility had ever been raised. Campaigns may come and campaigns may go, but the Inland Revenue stays put for ever.

# Besieged but resolute at the Royal Ballet

Despite a 'prickly, uneasy' season at Covent Garden,

nthony Dowell is sorry to disappoint his critics, but rumours of his resignation are greatly exaggerated. The 47-year-old director of the Royal Ballet is not planning to leave the company he has led for the past four years, despite the fact that he with few perks.

Imminent plans to depart? "I had imminent plans last weekend! I had a very bad weekend because I'd experienced my first cancellation of a production. This season has been prickly, uneasy, aithough the others haven't been picnics."

The production was The Planets, David Bintley's new ballet to Gustav Holst's 50-minute orchestral showpiece, which was to have received its première at the Royal Opera House on May 17. Instead it has been postponed until August to allow time for set designer Ralph Koltai's concept for the ballet to be fully realized.

"I didn't want to see The Planets diluted, watered down or compromised. I don't think it would have been worth doing," says Dowell. But following hard on the heels of last month's cancellation of a planned new work by the American choreographer William Forsythe, and the earlier scrapping of an American tour this summer because of loss of sponsorship, it all adds up to apparent administrative muddle.

Dowell agrees that "it looks bad to the outside. I understand why people are narked. I'm not happy with it either. It's a theatrical cockup that happens in life. And yes, my head's on the block, they can chop it off."

He talks like a director under

Anthony Dowell has no intention of relinquishing the most difficult job in British dance. Interview by Debra Craine some of his dancers for lack of company, perhaps more exciting based on Edmond Rostard's he-

help his own cause by being so open about his doubts over making the transition from performer "It has been an amazing voyage of discovery and of learning all the ropes, and of being honest about

being rather shocked by the ropes. But the more I talk to my colleagues in the same job as me, like Peter Schaufuss [formerly of English National Ballet, now in Berlin) and Reid Anderson [National Ballet of Canadal, I find we speak the same script. There are identical problems."

But unlike Schaufuss, Nureyev or Baryshnikov, Dowell says he does not have a hostile board of directors to contend with. "In fact, since Lord Sainsbury has been chairman I've experienced total

by the attitude of some of his dancers, claiming they have forced him to take on the uncomfortable role of schoolmaster. Today's generation of performer is a new breed, no longer afraid to rebel against the system, as evidenced by the militancy of dancers during the recent pay dispute.

"I just hope I'm able to instil a code of behaviour in the theatre, and respect for everyone in the business. That is the biggest battle I face. I suppose it happens in every generation, but we were never how this lot are."

delivery. Dowell is aware that it takes time to develop young talent. Meanwhile, he will continue his policy of inviting guest artists such as Sylvie Guillem to fill the void. Since my coming in, I've

pleased some but also caused a big hate scene because I've continued to open the doors to guests. I'm keeping that policy, because I feel that's what the audiences need to see. Senior artists resent guests because it takes peformances away from them. But I believe that if a company is lucky enough to obtain someone with a spark of something very special, other dancers have to be like sponges, and learn." Guest artists next season will include the Kirov's Altynai Asylmuratova and the Bolshoi's Irek Mukhamedov.

In answer to those who mourn the passing of the great British ballet partnerships, such as his own with Antoinette Sibley. Dowell says he has not yet spotted an amazing chemistry between two people" in his company. And developing such partnerships does not appear to be one of his priorities.

Instead, he wants to improve standards, while bringing in more created work. But tomorrow, for 1990-91, his critics could find further ammunition. The highlight will be Bintley's first full-

The principal choreographer, Sir Kenneth MacMillan, will contribute a new one-act ballet; so will the company choreographer, Ashley Page. From outside the Royal's stable will come from Balanchine's Stravinsky Violin

Concerto. All of them are choreographers already represented in the Royal's repertoire. To those critics who point out that the dancers have not encountered a single one of the new wave of young choreographers currently dazzling (or

outraging) mainland Europe, Dowell counters with the fact that negotiations are continuing with William Forsythe, as well as with Jiri Kylian and Mark Morris. Losing a specially-commis-sioned work from Forsythe, artis-

tic director of the Frankfurt Ballet, was a blow to Dowell. "We agreed changed, and Sylvie [Guillem] was not keen on the work he was going to sell to us second-hand to save the day. I very much wanted her in that programme.

Meanwhile, despite the dis-appointments, the dancer who once hoped to become an actor will remain in the director's chair. "Administration stifles everything. When it comes to satisfying my creative urges, the job is a bit thin on the ground sometimes. But I do want to be around to see a new generation come up.



Anthony Dowell: Still in the director's chair, although stifled by administrative tedium



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REVIEWS

OPERA ...

Die Zauberflöte Glyndebourne

THE most coherent message to emerge from Peter Sellars's new production of Die Zauberflote is Welcome to LA". For some weeks rumours have been coming through the Sussex bluebell woods of how Sellars and Mozart were getting on together. The curtain duly went up on Prince Tamino, a curly-haired surfie in sweat-shirt and jeans, recovering not from the ravages of Mozart's serpent but from a very bad trip.

The Three Ladies, Dames rather than Damen and resembling the Shangri-Las in their sheath skirts, bring on a flickering TV set (black and white, for this is the Los Angeles of the late Fifties) so that Tamino can glimpse his Pamina. All this takes place before blown-up photographs in garish colour of familiar Californian scenes: the neon dazzle of the freeways, the tackiness of the filling stations, the spurious elegance of the Country Club after Sarastro has entered.

The American design team of Adrianne Lobel and Duna Ramicová has split the stage onto two levels. Above, Tamino tries to pull out of his bad trip against a. background of California-scapes. Below is an arched cellar where Monostatos makes his dastardly attempt on Pamina and where lurk Sarastro's hippie followers and their dutiful squaws. The space between is used for red-neon words flashed on to translate a scrap of aria or indicate where we may now be. Mid-titles, in effect. This crude device gives the Sellars game away. He has decided

to dispense with all the spoken dialogue, making this by far the shortest Flute Glyndebourne has ever seen or is likely to see. One of the reasons, it is reported, is dissatisfaction with existing translations. But the new words are scarcely choice and often all too obvious: up comes "The Magic Flute", as Tamino is handed the instrument. Such tricks suggest that Peter Sellars has contempt for his audience and their wits, inviting them to laugh at the opera and

never with it. When the real stage problems arrive, he merely side-steps them. Tamino's charming of the forest creatures is done by simply having some children put on crude animal masks. The trials of Fire and Water have Tamino and Pamina wandering through the cellar, while another pair of television sets screen the elements. That Californian world of 30 years ago might have been tacky, but not

that tacky. There is, though, the music. Glyndebourne has assembled as good an all-round cast for this Flute as has been heard for some time here, and done it by drawing on singers whose names are scarcely known. That is in the very

best house tradition. Hellen Kwon, with midnight blue dress and black handbag, is a dictatorial Queen of the Night, hitting her notes with blessed accuracy. It is no surprise to learn that she is off to sing the same part in Vienna, where they really know about Zauberflote. Ai-Lan Zhu's soprano may be getting a little heavy for Pamina, but here is another accomplished singer from the Far East who strikes the right balance between innocence and determination; she handled the G minor aria with considerable charm and musical skill.

THEATRE

**Body Language** 

Scarborough

IN HIS latest comedy, Alan

Ayckbourn suggests that person-

ality is precisely related to per-

ceived body shape, and sets off to

demonstrate this with an idea of

splendid simplicity: put two

women into each other's bodies

and see how they like it.



LA love: Ai-Lan Zhu (Pamina) and Kurt Streit (Tamino)

Much of the weight falls on Kurt Streit - who has been to Glyndebourne before - as Tamino. The tenor is clean and open, with only an occasional forced note. When, in Act II, Tamino is required to strip down to a loin-cloth, Streit certainly displays the torso of a Prince, even if Sellars does not allow him to behave like one. James Maddalena is, humiliatingly, dressed down to singlet and Y-fronts by the time Papageno contemplates suicide. But he overcomes such obstacles and, with a rather raspy baritone, turns the Birdcatcher into an engaging

fellow. Mark Doss's manic Sarastro contrasted well with the Sprecher (Alastair Miles), played as a deranged guru. The Three Boys were weak. The Three Ladies were vocally strong, especially since non-stop hand-jiving was required of them, so that they began to look like the excitable tic-tac man Channel 4 employs on its racing

Lothar Zagrosek, after an erratic overture, settled down to a crisp. but rather too business-like account of the score and included a rarely heard exchange between Tamino and Papageno in Act II,

authenticity questionable. There were a few dissenting voices at the end, but the audience appeared to be in favour of Sellars's flashy Flute. Perhaps some were reminded of their misspent youth and the days when

ashrams were really ashrams. JOHN HIGGINS

The idea has been used before, by Anstey in Vice Versa, where father and son switched bodies, and by Wodehouse in Laughing Gas where the couple was, if the memory serves, an odious child film star and a sweet-natured writer. Anstey's was something of a horror story, and there are moments when Ayckbourn reaches in towards the pain of the elegant woman dismayed by her sudden bulk - "It's huge, it's everywhere you turn" - and the embarrassment of the former hulk whose shapely breasts keep wob-

The two-level stage represents the terrace and lawn of an expensive clinic where Angie, a brainless model (Lia Williams), is recovering from a minor op. Lumpy Jo (Tam Hoskyns), in a dress like a painted marquee, arrives to interview an octogenarian surgeon on a visit from Eastern Europe. Ayckbourn conducts the inter-

view at the same time that Angie, "the chest with legs", is favouring Derek (Peter Forbes), a recognizably crass photographer, with some fancy poses. While Jo desperately burbles on about the great breakthroughs, the assembled males are staring in awe at Angie's legs, and the Page Three-breasts. Against the shapely body, the shapely mind stands no chance.

The first and shorter act is as neat as anything he has given us, beginning with the arrival of Professor Zyergetoovc (Nigel Anthony, hobbling on sticks) chatting incomprehensibly in Serbo-Polish with his translator, a first rate performance of tolerant disapproval by Cecily Hobbs. At the end of the act, when the heads of the two women have been accidentally sliced off, Jo and Angie reappear swathed in bandages, the padded hands and legs transferred from one to the other, and again the dialogue is incomprehensible; squeaks from unhealed throats that neatly finish the act.

The second act comes up with clever lines, and some twists in the pattern of shared resentments, but the story has become a succession of variations on that initial joke. Tam Hoskyns is the more fortunate of the two women in the second half, projecting suavity Williams, the first act gave her more opportunities to lark about with effortless bounce from all her quarters.

Ayckbourn's direction, in the round of course, is not always helpful to his audience in scenes where characters are fixed in wheelchairs; the ending also needs some trimming. A good Ayckbourn, if not a great one.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Shapely body: Lia Williams

ROCK **Billy Joel** Wembley

IF THE closing segment of this concert is anything to go by, Billy Joel would be happiest belting out rock 'n' roll songs with a strippeddown garage band. Unfortunately, at this stage in his career, the nearest he is likely to get to a garage is if his stretch-limousine

suffers a puncture. Though he has been out of the limelight in recent years - Storm Front is his first studio album since 1986 - the American singer still has a huge following. The volume of hits since the mid-Seventies has ensured that critics have never taken him as seriously as if he were scuffling around at the sub-Tom Waite level. It also back catalogue. "Just The Way means, of course, that he is back catalogue." Just The Way

banished to the stadium circuit, a setting which works well enough for the Madonnas of this world but does nothing for a singer of any substance.

bling against her will.

Subtlety is the first asset to be sacrificed in order to give the man in Row 810 some idea of what is happening at the other end of the hall. When Joel sings the title track from Storm Front, we first have to be subjected to a shattering barrage of thunderclaps; when he performs an anti-war ballad, the point is rammed home by the roar of a helicopter and the glare of

searchlights. Stadium rock also demands musicians to match. On this occasion, the prize exhibit was Liberty DeVitto, a drummer who gives a passable imitation of a steel foundry. Joel is able to pick and choose from a substantial

Benetton-clad couples had probably come to hear, was notably absent. There was ample space, however, for a slab of chart successes, including "My Life". "Only The Good Die Young" and the crowd's favourite, "Uptown

With their back-to-basics chords, the songs from the new record are cruder than usual -Foreigners' Mick Jones was the producer, after all. Still, they carry more conviction than might have been expected: there remains an element of New York street fighter in Joel, despite the Giorgio Armani trimmings. Indulging in a touch of shadow-boxing with the microphone stand, he could be mistaken for a pocket version of Sylvester Stallone.

While the best of his up-tempo work is full of carefully crafted insights, his ballads are more superficial. He gives us the sen-

sitive, compassionate study of Soviet life ("Leningrad") and the sensitive, compassionate study of American blue-collar troubles ("Allentown"). For "The Down-easter 'Alexa'", his tale about the problems facing the fishermen of Long Island, the lights are dimmed and he dons an accordian, but the intimate mood is undermined by a steady pounding, not of waves, but of the everpresent Mr DeVitto.

There is probably no point in complaining about the stadium mentality. That is the way things are done when big money is at stake, and audiences seem to tolerate it as they do the London Underground. The best response is to ignore the stamping of feet around you, close your eyes and somehow imagine that you are hearing Joel in a quiet piano bar. Occasionally, it works. CLIVE DAVIS **NEW RELEASES** 

THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY II (PG): Comcai cul-ups in the Katarian ossert with a bunch of cryligation's finest, an Athean bustiman and his chidren Crude comedy for the unsophishesial director, Jame Uys. Cannon Oxford Street (071-536 0310).

MAX, MON AMOUR (18): Negsià Osterna's Burlus-like tate at a bored bourge wite (Changide Rempling) in lave with a With Anthony Higgins, Dana Quick. ICA Cinema (071-930 3847)

TORRENTS OF SPRING (PG): Jerzy Skolmowski's plush, bevisching adapti Turgenev's short novel about 8 young ssien enstocras (Timothy Hutton) wavering tween two women (Nastassja Kinski, Velena Golino) Curzon West End (071-439 4605).

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♦ ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U): a tow-lete dog returning from the dead. Whiteleys (07 1-792 3303/3324).

A RI ACK RAIN (18) Crime story directed by Ridley Scott about a hardbolidd New York cop (Marchael Douglas) pursuing a Japanese gangster through Osaka. With Andy Garcia and Ken Tekakurii.

CREMA PARADISO (PG): Guseppe Torretore a nosterpic tale of a small Siciliar Gurzons: Mayteir (071-465 6865) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

ADRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet e DIRWING MISS DAISY (U.): Sweet, endearing Birn of Alfred Urby's piley about a refined Southern ledy (Jassica Tandy) and her black cheufteur (Morgan Fraemen). Directed by Bruce Beresford. Carnon Fulfiam Road (071-370 2836). Mineme (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-835 2772) Warner (071-439 0791).

**◆ ENEMIES. A LOVE STORY (15): ISSES** survivor's completence some sever, America imed by Paul Mazursky. Ron Sever, America

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THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): I'ms: FABRILLUS BARLE SUTS (19):
Highly divering freworks between a blonds singer (Alchelle Pestier) and two cocktail paintsts (Jeff and Beau Bindges).
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HENRY V (PG): Visuelly drab version of Shakespeere's play from wunderland Kenne Branegh, who directs and stars. With Paul Sceleid, Emme Thompson, Judi Dench. Curzon Proenic (071-240 9561) Screen

on the Hill (071-435 3356).

♦ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER Ght Seen Connery as a Soviet submart immander trying to defect. Pondercus pre-glasnos/ chama. Carnoris: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Futham Road (071-370 2635) Empire (071-497 9999) Whitaleys (071-792 3303/3324).

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I BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE: AIL Li picinis AT notice Willin GUALDE: All-systems-go performance by Lothaire Blutes as a male tart on a munder rap. Vaudeville, Strand, London WC2 (071-856 9988); Underground: Charing Cross Mon-Thors, 8 30pm. Fin and Sat, 6pm and 8,45pm. Running ame: 1th 30mms. Ends June 2.

June 2 ☐ A CLOCKWORK ORANGE: Schock horrorshow musical; colourful, aithletic, awtu Regency, Kingsway, London WC2 (071-831 (660), Underground: Holtorn, Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Set, 2.30pm, Russing time. 2hrs 30mms. Ends May 26.

☐ CORIOLANUS: Charles Dance and a magnificent Barbara Jefford Burnate the childhood of fascism.

Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8931). Underground: Sarbroan/ Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight-Set, 7.30pm, mets Thurs and Set, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs.

THE DUCHESS OF MALF: Harriet ms in Eurocareps Or MALLE Harnel
Water a movingly entit victim in Webster's
murky homorshow.
The Pit, Barbican Centre (as above).
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Running time: 3hrs 45mins. In repertory.

★ FASHION: Revised revival of Doug Luce's percing satire on sovertising ethics Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000) Underground Kilburn. Mon-Set, Born, met Set, 4pm. Running time. 2hrs 30mms. Ends June 23. IN THE RUINS: Patrick Malahide plays old, med, blind George II in affecting one-

play.
Royal Court, Stoene Square, London SW1
(071-730 1745) Underground Stoene Square.
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time: 1hi 30mms, Ends June 2.

\* MAN OF THE MOMENT: Mesterly harsh comedy by Ayckbourn: good meets evit on the Costa del Sol, with Michael Gembon, Peter Bowles. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avanue. CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

JESUS OF MONTREAL [18]: An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained saturcal fireworks from Caracian director Denys Arcand of The Decime of the American Empire. Renoir (071-837 8402)

JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Graing, ursympathetic action fodder from director Walter Hill, with Mickey Rourke as a designed criment who plans a double-cross following plastic surgery. With Elen Barton. Carnoris: Puthan Road (071-370-2636). Haymanust (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071 636 0310).

 THE KRAYS (18: Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war time chidhood to meaceration in separate prisons. Peter Medek mosroention in separate prisons, Peter need directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp. Billie Whitelew. Cannon Cheissa (071-362 5056) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottags (071-722 5305) West End (071-930 5652/7615) Whitesleys (071-792 3303/3324).

LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, clicist logged underwater thritier about scientists on the ocean fixor, under attack from genetic transformation. Peter Weller. Richard Crenna. Odeons: Kensington (071-602-6644/5) Leitoester Square (071-300-6111) Marble Arch (071-722-2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722-5005).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infamile COOK WHO I FILLIAND IN THE TENT AND THE

● McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18):

Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western about a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining town. With Julie Christie Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631). MONSIEUR HIRE (15); Intense, stylish and/historian mark (19); marked, system of Samenon novel about a bachlor dark obsession with his neighbour; a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for contects. With Michel Blanc and Sandane Bonnare, Lumlere (071-838 0691).

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story: uplifting fare, marvellously acte Oscar-winners Daniel Day-Lewis and cremica Pricher. Premiere (U71-439 447U) Screen on Baker Street (U71-935 2772).

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5: THE DREAM CHILD (18): Robert Englund's rengeful monster tediously preys on yet more children. Gruesomely polished special. effects, but the plot is a thing of shreds

end parches. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric lide and Roothe Cottrene sheltering as nurs in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and ymarket (071-839 7697) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 Kensington (071-802 6644/5).

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☐ MARYA: Strongly cast reward of Babel's drama set in 1920s Petrograd. Old Vic, Waterloo Roed, London SE1 (071-928 7516). Underground, Waterloo Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sal, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sal, 4pm. Rumang time: 11r 50mins. Ends Nata: 28

☑ NOEL AND GERTTE: Simon Cadell, LI NOEL AND GEHTTE: Simon Cadel, Patrica Hodge amble down Memory Lane with Coward.

Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SV1 (071-930 2578). Underground: Procedity Crous. Mon Fri, Born, Sat, 8 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm. Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 10mms. Boolong to June 16.

☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDOEN
PLANET: Hi rock 'n' roll show, tacky but jolly.
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Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, London
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w A SHAYNA MAIDEL: Excellent New York drams about two Jewish sisters re-unite after the Holocaust. King's Head, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (071-226 1916) Underground. Highbury & Islangton. Tues-Set, 8pm, mats Set and Sun, 3pm. Runsting time 2hrs 10mms. Ends June 9. \* A SHAYNA MAIDEL: Excellent New SHIPLEY VALENTINE: Paula Wilcox

as Willy Russell's domestic worm turning into a Greek nymph. Duke of York's Theetre, St Martin's Lane,

DWWOW HIGHWAY (15): Hugely dwerting and sympathetic US indepent about two American Indians on a crosscountry journey. A sprightly first leature to director Jonathan Wacks, with A Martinez, teature for Gary Farmer. Electric (071-792 2020) in reportory.

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SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodanowsky's extreordinary, disturbing socked tentasy set in a travelling circu Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thriller, cracking with electricity. All Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by Harold Becker Cannons: Oxford Street (071-635 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING (12): Despontingly heavy-footed romantic comedy from writer-director Alan J. Pakute, with Jett Bridges as a poychatrat tern between two uen unuges as a payunavan con borne marrages. Aice Kinge, Famah Fawcett. Warner (071-439 0791).

SHE-DEVIL (15): Roseanne Barr as the itted frump who takes revenge when her husband takes up with Meryl Streep. Overty student adaptation of Fey Weldon's Life

and Loves of a She-David from director Susen Serdelman. Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111). SHIRILEY VALENTINE (15): Warmhearted film with the popular touch: Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance. Empire (01-497 9999)

♦ SHOCKER (18): Wearisome staster film, with Mech Pileggr as the malevolent spirit of an executed mass lulter. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0831). A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krysztof Kiesiowski s powerkul and eenie tale of voyeunsm and saxual failure. Second in the series besed on the Ten Commandments. Gate (071-727 4043) Pramiere (071-439 4470).

SOCIETY (18): Obnoxious, zomble-filled horror yarn from Brian Yuzne, producer of From Beyond. Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2635)

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Prince Charles (071-437 8181). SWEETIE (15): Prickly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wreaking havoc on the suburban life of her shrinking wolet sister. A fine testure debut by director Jane Campion, posed on the knde edge betwe registraere and farce. Carriden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsee Cinema (071-351 3742) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOII (18): Gérard sperdieu dithers belween his wife istress. Skibul setire on merital mo Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837

THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs vicentry Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Exhausing Dec. Contects, with the authorised Douglas and Kathleen Turner.
Cennons: Piccadilly (071-437 3561)
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London WC2 (071-836 5122). Underground: Lexasser Square Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Running time: 2hrs 15mms. Booking to June 30.

\* SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE: Spirit-lifting Songheam inspired by Seurat's painting of a million dots. National Theorem (Lyttetton), South Bank, SS 1073-1008 2959. Underground, Waterloo. Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Set, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 50 mins.

THE TABLE OF TWO HORSEMEN: The love that dare not speak its name, tongue-ted in the officers' mass at Rawatpindi. Greenwich, Croom's Hif, London SE10 Cerearismon, Croom's Pile, Californi St. (061-858 7755). Breish Ragi: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7-45pm, met Sat, 2-30pm Punning Irme: 2hrs 20mms. Ends June 16.

■ TARTUFFE: Last performances of Jatinder Verma's ingenious all-Asian version of Molière's pley. National Thestra (Cottasice) (as above). Tonight-Set, 7.30pm, mats today and Sat, 2.30pm, Running time: 1hr 50mine. Ends May 31.

UNANELLA: Starry cast (Joenne Lumley. San Philips) cavort in a grotesque trag-fance about the super-nch. Lyric, Shaffesbury Avenue, London W! (071-437 368) Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sat, 8:30pm, mets Wed, 2:30pm and Set, 5pm, Rumming tame: 1hr 30mms, Booking to Sept. THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Superior

thriller complete with mists, mystery and old graves. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (071-835 2238) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs. LONG RUNNERS: M Aspects of Love:

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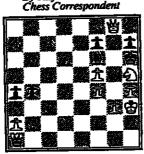
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(b) Anticipatory use of an epithet, from the Greek for "anticipating", the applying of an epithet as if already true to a thing of which it only becomes true to a thing by the action now being stated, e.g. "So the two brothers & their murder'd man/Rode past fair Florence." "He struck him dead." "Fill full the cup." PROLEPSIS

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6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 Busman's Holiday. Sarah Kennedy

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7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Up the Garden Path. Sue Limb's

8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. The

alled mistress

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5.10 Blockbusters

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Friends, Daffy Duck features in This

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5.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Mayer and Nicholes Witchell 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Pitfalls of a Sporting Life. A look at how gentle sport can speed up recovery after a heart-attack 9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford and

10.00 News and weather followed by Mr Jaws Supershark 10.15 Playdays (r) 10.40 International One-Day Cricket. England and New Zealand meet in the first of two one-day cricket internationals, Tony Lewis is at

Headingley, Leeds, to report on the morning's play, includes news and weather at 11.00 and 12.00, 12.55 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

1.50 International One-Day Cricket. Further coverage from Headingley 2.15 Knots Landing. Northern Ireland: Rakmoral Show 90 (to 3.50) 3.05 Gardeners' Direct Line, Greenfingered experts Geoffrey Smith and Peter Seabrook pass on more Peter Seabrook pass on more horticultural hints 3.35 Droopy Double-

3.50 Caterpillar Trail (r) 4.05 Around the World with Willy Fog (r) 4.30 The Movie Game. Teams from schools in Aylesbury, loswich and Stewartby are sted on their film and video

knowledge 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Moondiel, Children's drama serial (r). (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Utster

6.45 Open University: Lightning Does

9.05 Daytime on Two: for teachers 9.35

South Wales industry 10.40

Crisis. Ends at 7.35

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 The Historyman. Bryan McNemey

**BBC 2** 

Strike Twice 7.10 Managing Schools: A

visits a re-created Anglo-Saxon village in Suffolk

Emergency first aid 9.45 A level German 10.05 For the very young 10.20

Transmitting computer data 11.00

Learning to read 11.15 How to use language 11.35 Primary school

science 12.10 A level biology 12.30 Starting your own business 12.55

fives 1.40 The story of the English

2.15 Racing and Cricket. Tony Lewis is at

Headingley for the one-day cricket international between England and New Zealand, Julian Wilson at

Goodwood introduces live coverage

kes (3.35); the *Mail on* 

of the Chichester Festival Theath Stakes (2.30); the NM Financial

Sunday 3-Year-Old Series Stakes

includes news and weather at 3.00

7.25 The Chelsea Flower Show. Alan

de Valois and Su Pollard.

(4.10) and the Festival Stakes (4.40).

Trichmarsh, Stefan Buczacki and Moira Stuart drool over this year's horticultural delights which include blooms named after Dame Ninette

2.00 News and weather followed by

Two Can Toucan

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Effective communicating. (Ceefax) 1.20 Science fiction tale for the under

Storytime. Johnny Morris with the tale of

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Anna Ford. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan with Jonathan Ross. The

guests are Jackie Stallone, mother of Sylvester, Georgia Holt, mother of Cher, and comedian Emo Philips. Plus a song from Black Box 7.40 The Kon-Tiki Man: Old Ships, New Worlds. In 1969 Thor Heyerdahi set out

to cross the Atlantic on a reed ship, copied from Ancient Egyptian tomb paintings. This documentary traces his disastrous journey, which hit its first of many setbacks within hours of departure. (Ceefax) 8.05 Dallas: Will Power, Another dose of

double-dealing and adultery among the oil-rich Texas folk. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael

Buerk, Regional news and weather 9.30 The Prince of Wales: The Earth In The Prince of Wales's "personal view" of the environment is a blande affair than his celebrated polemic on British architecture. Perhaps the heir to the throne felt on firmer ground attacking architects than he di politicians. There was also the problem of finding much new to say, given that acid rain, the greenhouse tect, the destruction of the reinforests and the other environmental issues had been extensively covered on television before. Retreating from specifics, the Prince develops the theme of man acting in harmony with nature instead of upsetting its balance. Critics who telt that his solution to had modern architecture was an impractical return to the past may voice a similar objection here. Although the Prince is

8.10 To the Heart of Borneo. Continuing

tells the story of Bruno Mai

the One World week, this programme

young Swiss who has lived for five years with the Penan people in Borneo.
The Penan are desperately fighting to stop their land being buildozed and

Manser has been an invaluable ally. But

the authorities are not impressed

and have put out a reward for his capture. (Ceefax)

9.00 M\*A\*S\*H. Long-running black comedy about the 4077th field hospital

drinking and forces much of the

unit in Korea. This week Hawkeye,

camp to suffer with him. Winchester

stop his sister marrying someone he

delicious campus comedy come to the end without giving it a heartfelt pat on the back for brightening up a succession of Wednesday evenings. Jock, Bob, Rose-Marie and poor naive

Stephen will be badly missed and it the BBC has any sense it will return them to us quickly by repeating the second series. The ultimate test of good comedy is durability. A Very Peculiar

when you know the jokes, you still

absurd, even the surreal (the nuns

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9.25 A Very Peculiar Practice.

horrified at his month's bar tab, gives up



Concerned: The Prince of Wales (9.30pm) careful not to pour scom on material progress, you feel that a part of him wished that the industrial Revolution had never happened. But if the content is a mite predictable, the Prince es a time predicable, the Prince
emerges once more as a considerable
television performer, projecting
strongly with his earnest, concerned
style. (Ceefax)
10.30 Sportsnight. Steve Rider presents

coverage of the European Football Cup final in Vienna between Berifica of Portugal and the holders AC Milan, possibly the world's best club side 11,20 Film 90. Mortgage salesman Barry Norman reports from the Cannes Film

Festival and assesses Britain's only

competition entry, Ken Loach's

controversial Hidden Agenda, which focuses on the British presence in Northern Ireland
12.00 International One-Day Cricket. Highlights of today's game between New Zealand and England at

Headingley 12,50am Weather



Peter Davison plays maive Stephen (9.25pm)

the needs of teaching and learning are somehow overlooked (r) 10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. Wis for Wax. Continuing her tour of the obscure and the eccentric, the ultra-enthusiastic Lucinda Lambton draws her examples from the medium of wax. Among the efficies she presents for our delight are a wax model of the former world heavyweight boxing champion Sonny Liston and one called "Time and Death" which was much admired by

the Marquis de Sade. (Ceefax) 10.30 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the day's main

11.15 The Late Show

12.55

12.00 Open University: Qualified to Work? 12.25am Given Enough Rope. Ends at

ITY LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning British presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Mike Morns and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00, After Nine includes tasty ideas from French vegetarian chef Rosalyne Messelin 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show

9.55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical

10.40 This Morning, Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on self-defence; young children; and Denise Robertson's advice on emotional matters. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

12.10 Alisorts (r) 12.30 Home and Away 1.00 News at One with John Suchet Weather 1.20 Thames News and 1.30 The Miriam Stoppard Health and Beauty Show. The vivacous television doctor looks at ways to avoid

by Crimestoppers
2.00 A Country Practice. Rural Australian medical drama 2.30 Take the High Road. Highland soap set in the village of Glendarroch

osteoporosis and reveals the best way to choose a new heirstyle. Followed

American ventriloquist plus alternative cabaret talent and international speciality acts. 6.30 Get Smart. Don Adams is the

and Zeinab Badawi 7.50 Party Political Comment from a

soap. (Oracle) 8.30 Dispatches. Four days before Colombia's general election Dispatakes a look inside the powerful

 Long before the eight-year war shape of a monument that would not only commemorate the triumph but, more important, his indispensable part in it. Dominating a vast new ceremonial parade ground in the centre of Begindad, the memorial comprises two huge crossed swords gripped by 20- metre long representa

tradition of dictators (from Hitler to Ceaussscu) trying to guarantee their place for posterity. But the contributors, who include Marina Warner and Leon Krier, also discuss less obvious connections, such as parallels between Saddam Hussein's lust for giory and that of Andy Warhol, or even

ovramid in front of the Louvre The New Statesman, Alan B'Stard MP goes Stateside to meet a starlet who is into bondage, then finds himself ocked out and behind bars (r)

18.35 Film: Kings of the Road (1975 b/w).

The negative thing to say about Wirn Wenders's road movie is that it is very long and not a great deal

9.00 The Brotherhood of the Rose, It might not be great drama but it is great for filling schedules. The interminable spy thriller lumbers on in the company of Peter Strauss, David Morse and old sleepy eyes himself. Robert Mitchum. Continues after the news. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.35 The Brotherhood of the Rose. The fourth instalment and definitely the last.

(Oracle) 11.20 Film: American Gigolo (1960) starring Richard Gere and Lauren Hutton, A would be morality play posing as a thriller about a young man who becomes involved with a senator's wife and is framed for murder. A typically bleak offering from director Paul Schrader

1.30am Stories in the Night: Clairvoyant Diagnosis. Healer Betty Shine describes her paranormal ability to see what is wrong with people merely by looking at them
2.00 Videofashion, A look at the next '
generation of American clothes designers
2.30 America's Top Ten

3.00 Night Gallery, A Death in the Family and The Dark Boy. Two tales of the

4.00 The Channon & Ball Video Show.

Vintage football clips
4.30 Fifty Years On (b/w)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Gillian
Carter, Ends at 6.00

**CHANNEL 4** 

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Film of the natural world accompanied by music 6.30 The Channel Four Daily 9 25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme

presented by Sue Cameron and Nicholas Woolley 12.30 Business Daily, Financial and business news service

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning 2.00 In Charge: A Commitment to Quality. Open College series about the skills of an effective supervisor in

today's workplace. (Oracle)
2.30 Behind the Veli. There are more than one million nuns worldwide, twice as many as there are priests. Yet they must struggle to be heard in the Roman Catholic Church. Can they go on as they are? The first in a two-part account of the turbulent history and remarkable achievements of women in

eligion 3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah hosts her chal show with an ear-to-ear smile as rock 'n' roll tans from the 1960s get to meet their idols almost 30

years on
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast moving general knowledge quiz
5.00 Go For It. The show where groups of children from all over Britain try out a

new activity. This week friends from Bradford and London become nature detectives on the Yorkshire moors, some pots are made and there is a pony-riding competition
5.30 Flight Over Spain. Segovia from the

air, narrated by Alan Hargreaves 6.00 Leontyne. The film producer Richard Goodwin continues his 2,000 mile cruise through Europe to Vienna on a converted barge. He passes across the battlefields of Northern France and Flanders on his way from Calais to

bumbling spy in the 1960s spoof 7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow

Conservative Party politician. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside

cartels which control the country's drug industry 9.15 Rear Window: Architect of Fear.

> against Iran came to end, the Iraqi President Sadam Hussein was confident enough of victory to sketch out the president's own arms, cast by a foundry in Basingstoke. A film and ensuing discussion places this monstrosity in the

despite its leisurely pace Kings of the Road is a subtle and consistently absorbing film which repays close viewing. The simplicity of situation and theme (two men are thrown together and make the best of an uneasy relationship) is a misleading guide to the complex texture of the namat which character is revealed and gradually peeled away. Rudiger Vogler (familiar from another Wenders film, Alice in the Cities) plays Bruno, a loner travelling around Germany in a removal van servicing cinema. projectors. On the road he encounters Robert (Hanns Zischler) who crashes into a river. Wenders has called

is driving away from his wife and Kings of the Road a story of the absence of women. Others have seen it as no less than an exploration of the modern German psyche



Hanns Zischler and Rudiger Vogler (10.35pm)

1.50am Hall and Oates. The duo who took over where the singing tunesmiths of 1960s America such as the Righteous Brothers left off, here playing in Tokyo and displaying their fine pop padigree. Ends at 2.50

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Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3 6,35am Open University (FM only): Open Forum — News and features about the OU 6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bantock
(Overture, The Pierrot of the anutre: Bol Sintonietta under del Mar); Bottesini (Introduction and Bolerio: Thomas Martin, double-bass, Anthony Haistead, piano); Poulenc (Rag-Mazurka: Radio Luxemburg Orchestra under der Froment)

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7.30 News
7.35 Newing Concert (cont):
Chebrier (Joyeuse Marche:
Montreal Symphony Orchestra
under Dutoit): D. Scarlatti,
transc Shostakovich (Pastorale
and Capriccio: Wind Ensemble
under Rozhdestvensky);
Schubert (String Quartet in A
mnor: Varbrugh Quartet);
Verdi (Ballet music "Otello":
Orchestra of the Teatro
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8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week Hindemith, Kammermusik No 5, Op 36 No 4 (Ensemble 13, Baden-Baden under Reichert, Baden-Baden under Heichen, with Ulrich Koch, viola); Konzerfmusik, Op 50 (Boston Symphony Orchestra under Sleinberg); Two Hölderfin settings: Fragment; Abendphentasie (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, barttone, Aethert Beimann, cierno); Aribert Reimann, piano); Sonata (David Heath, flute,

John Lenehan, piano)
9.35 Grieg and Bentzon: Grieg
(Variations, Op 51): Bentzon
(Sonata for two pianos, Op 51:
Hamish Milne and Philip Jenkins) (r)
10.25 The Poet as Musician (FM only from 10.40); Sequentia perform medieval songs in German by von der Vogelweide, von Rauenthal Vogelweide and Wolker and Woltenstein

10.40-7.30pm Cricket Special (MW only): England v New Zealand. Commentary on the First Texaco Trophy One-Day Headingley 1.05pm News 1.10 The Great Match: Headingley 1965. A previous visit to Leads

by a New Zealand touring team is recalled by Peter Baxter 1.30 County Scoreboard 1.40-7.30 Commentary, including County Talk 11.00 Michreek Choice (FM only) with Susan Sharpe. Byrd (Hughe Ashton's Ground: with Susan Sharps. Byrd No 1; Christus) (f)
(Hughe Ashton's Ground: 12.00 News 12.05am Close
Owing to a printing error, some of last Saturday's radio tistings also
appeared in Sunday's panel. Our apologies to readers who were
inconvenienced.

Glenn Gould, piano); Dittersdorf (Concerto: Munich Chamber Orchestra under Steldmair, with Ludwig Streicher, double-bass); Tippett (The Blue Guitar: (Cello Sonata in F, Op 6: Yo Yo Ma, cello, Emanuel Ax, piano); Reinecke (Concerto, Op 182: Bamberg Symphony Orchestra under Theodor Guschibauer, with Lily Guschtbauer, with Lity Laskine, harp): Lehar (Vilja-Lied: Ambrosian Opera Chorus; Academy of St Martin in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner, with Lucia Popp, soprano); Shostakovich (Suite No 1 for Jazz Band, Op 38: Saleiete of USSB Noistay of Caleiete of USSB Noistay of

No 1 for Jazz Isano, Op 36: Soloists of USSR Ministry of Culture Symptiony Orchestra under Rozhdestvensky) 1.05pm News (FM only): Live from the BBC Concert Half, London, Kazuki Sawa, violin, Emilio Tedeourge diano. Emiko Tadenuma, piano, perlom Mozari (Sonata in F. K 376); Schumann (Sonata in A mmor, Op 105); Lutoslawski

menor, Op 105); Lutoslawski (Partita)
2.00 Fecord Review (FM only) (f)
3.10 Vintage Years (FM only): The talian Cuartet performs Marini (Balletto No 2 "Sonata a quattro"); Bocchenni (Quartet in E flat, Op 58 No 2); Maipero (Quartet No 4)
4.00 Chorat Evensong (FM only): Live from the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford
5.00 Eastern Approaches (FM only) with Graham Fawcett, Part 3; Poland.

with Caragam Fawcert. Part 3:
Poland.
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only)
with Peter Paul Nash
7.00 News (FM only)
7.05 Third Ear (FM only) with
Robert Hewison
7.30 Alessandro Scartetti: Gli
acutarci pel sembiante

equivoci nel sembiante (Ambiguous Appearances). Libretto by Domenico Filippo Contini, London Baroque under Medlam perform the pestoral opera, first performed in Rome in the 1679 Carmival, when Scarlatti was 16 9.30 Humoreske: The panist Carcine Palmer performs Schumann's Op 20 (r)

10.00 Trading with the Enemy:
Adam Phillips examines how
perversions and pomography
tell us certain truths about sex 11.00 Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (Overture for Wind, Op 24; Bei der Wiege; Neue Liebe; Piano Concerto

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves.
The brithday guest is Rick
Wakeman. (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Kirkcudbaghtshire

(f)
10.30 Morning Story: Tropical Fish, by Flose Tremain. Read by Maggie Steed
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; Dear Miss Pym, Dear Mr Larkm: Anthony Thwaite's Sony Award-winning selection of the letters which passed between the novelst Barbara Pym and the poet Philip Larkin over 20 years (s) (r)

over 20 years (s) (r) 11.47 Yes, Mr Churchill: Part 5: Travelling Companions. Marian Walker Spicer, private secretary to Winston Churchill

secretary to winston Churching the Second World War, talks about the experience in six conversations with June Knox-Mawer (5) 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard 12.25pm The Litmus Test: Science to the Make Scott (s) quiz hosted by Make Scott (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Presented by Jenni Murray, Includes a leature on the tuture of women returning to work, in 10 years time will

work. In 10 years time will there still be a need for women in the workforce?

3.00 News; The Hound of the Cabells: A verse pley by Mark Beeson. In his search for his roots, Henry, an American, decides to settle near the home of his Dartmoor ancestor, Sir Richard Cabell.

3.47 Rich Pickings (new senes): Part 1: The City, Jane Lapotaire and David Suchet with the tirst of six anthologies with the first of six anthologies

of poetry and prose exploring the places where we live and 4.05 File on 4: Major issues al

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### RADIO 4 TTY VARIATIONS **ANGLIA** 4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Relaxing

with Redbone. The baritons Leon Redbone talks to John Fordham about his career (s) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1990: Chaired by Robert Robinson (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts: with John Waite
7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff

Watts (r)

8.15 Concerto (new series):

• June Knox-Mewer is back, talking engagingly to eminent musical soloists who open up to her like flowers long starved of the sun. Torught, American cellist Lynn Harrell shamefully undersells his artistry — after some Bach and Fauré, there's a complete performance of Haydn's Concerto in D — by defining his raison d'atre as trying to get a "decent noise" out of the Strad he calls his "box". Harrell's link with Jacqueline du Prè is a poignant one. He owns the Watts (r) poignant one. He owns the

played Elgar and thus guaranteed herself a seat among the immortals. 9.15 Kaleidoscope: includes a report on the resumed production of

on the resumed production of Henry IV and an interview with Richard Hamis; a feature on the Benin Theatre Festival; plus an item on the Womad Festival in Marecambe (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 A Book at Beditme: Catch 22, by Joseph Heller (final part) (s) 11.00 Good Night Out; You Oughta Be in Pictures. A montage of memories about a night on the

memories about a night on the tiles in the 1920s and 1930s (s) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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THE SPORTS CHANNEL

Robert Sean Leonard Slowly turns into a various after a lasson with a mysterious woman 1.30am Fraddy's Nightmares: Television series, staming Robert England as Freddy

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SKY MOVIES

The Shopping Charmel

2.00pm Bridgemalds (1989): Four friends reunite to be bridgemalds (1989): Four friends and dischooltherid. Stephane Faracy

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9.40 At the Pictures

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as a small-lown gambler who is persuaded to travel to Chicago to play the high rollers.

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LIFESTYLE 10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tornorrow 10.30 Short Casts 19.35 Work with Yan 11.00 Collee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm What's New? 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 Skyways 2.40 Search for Tornorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 Burke's Law 4.05 Emergency Room 4.35 Video Review Show 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Selfe-Vision Shop-pant Channel

Twenty four hours of rock and pop

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7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Mot-lt 8.30 31 West 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 Jupiter Moon 10.30 The Mone Show 11.00 Payabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpol 11.30 Intellect 12.00 Write of the Week 12.30 pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Facts of Life 1.30 TJ Hooker 2.30 Young and Resiless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpol 4.00 Constitution 1.345 Mrs Pepperpol 4.00 Constitution stars as the notionus American dencer 3,40 Never Steat Anything Smell (1959): Musical comedy, starring James Cegney as

kater. Ends at 1.30am

3.39 Hayabout 3.45 ms Pepperput 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids Incorporated 5.00 Mo-st 6.00 31 West 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Murphy Brown 7.30 Laughines 8.00 Shoe-sting 9.00 Up Yer News 9.15 The Donald Pippagance House of Horrors 12.20em The

# Labour plan for new rail network

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would seek private sector finance to build big industrial infrastructure projects, includ-ing a new high-speed train network, under the party's new industrial policy to be unveiled tomorrow One of the tasks of a new National Investment Bank, to be established under Labour, would be mobilizing private capital for publicly-led investment projects. The policy, drawn up by Mr Gordon Brown, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, appears considerably less interventionist than that published a year ago after the first two phases of the review in the document Meet The Challenge; Make The Change.

The new document makes plain that the investment bank would "operate at arm's iength from government and on strictly commercial lines."

Mr Brown foreshadowed the policy with a speech last night to Labour's finance and industry group at the Com-mons. He said that Britain needed an industrial policy that was "enabling and not dirigiste, decentralist and not bureaucratic, a government working at industry's side and not on their backs.

He promised that Labour's commitment to joint ventures between public and private sectors was important to bridging the acknowledged investment gap in long-term funding. Britain invested only £2 for every £3 that French and German employers invested per employee, and overall Britain, even with North Sea oil, had invested a lower share of its national income in its future than any competitor country.

Setting out measures to tackle the "short-termism that bedevils British industry", Mr Brown promised the development of joint ventures between public and private sectors, encouragement for regional development agencies to work with venture capital funds from the private sector, and consideration of the issuing of regional development bonds to attract industrial investment. Powers of the Department of Trade and Industry would be transferred from Whitehall to the regions.

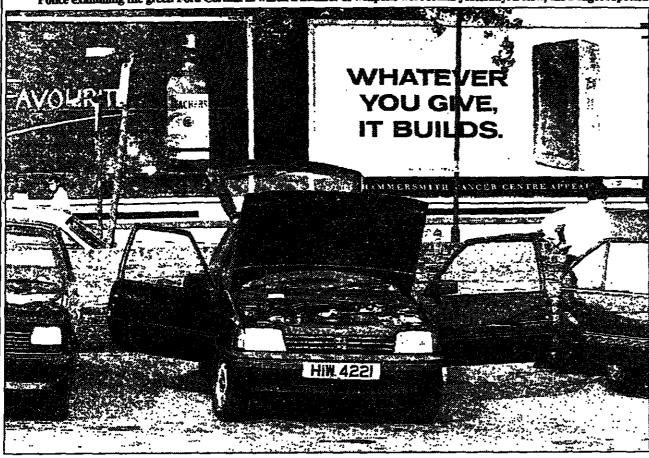
The policy document says that Labour would want a "high-speed dedicated railway network together with good roads to link the regions to the rest of Europe through the Channel Tunnel."

Mr Brown said the policy was intended to help bridge the technology gap, the training gap, the long-term investment gap and the regional gap.

Martin Jacques, page 12



Police examining the green Ford Cortina in which a number of weapons were found yesterday. Below, the Pengeot spotted in a West London car park



# currie steals show with egg story

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negative, which is impossible," the former junior Health Minister countered as her questioners gave examples of alleged vote-rigging and in Mrs Currie's constituency other malpractices reported by of Derbyshire South. observers from many other countries.

"We cannot prove that there were no problems. But our criterion was: Did they overcome them in a responsible way? The answer was a resounding 'yes'," she replied.

Her opponents cited such

wrong registration lists. They persuasions. were disarmed when informed that things were much worse

A Finnish journalist who attempted to score a critical point was so effectively rebuffed that he had to fall back on his Romanian translator to certainly true. ask a follow-up question. "Most people told us: 'No, of course we were not intimi-

By this time, Romanian

television was seeking an interview to brighten up its lackiustre election coverage. mined to tell the story of Ceausescu and the eggs. It was, she insisted, sadly almost

According to the account given to her by one of Romania's Green politicians the late also horrific when you think dated'," Mrs Currie said. dictator was so paranoid examples as the giving of "Voters were not looking over about catching rabies, that he nian people were struggling unwanted "advice" by Front their shoulders. We found ordered millions of eggs to be get enough food to live on." "Voters were not looking over about catching rabies, that he nian people were struggling to

officials, the alleged stuffing of most polling stations well injected with anti-rabies vac-ballot boxes and the use of manned by people of different cine and strewn on the ground over the vast areas of the country where he had exclusive hunting rights, so that any animal which might bite him would be inoculated against the disease.

"Near the town of Snagov, we were told that 300,000 such treated eggs were laid out every three months, or 1.2 million every year", Mrs Currie said. "It is incredible, but that at the time, the Roma-

clear to leave a mostly dry day, except for a scattering of showers in northern England. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright spells but also scattered showers, with beavier

# Israeli troops alert for new war

From RICHARD OWEN JERUSALEM

WITH President Mubarak of Egypt warning of a new and bloody Arab-Israeli confrontation, Israeli troops were yesterday put on alert to operate for the first time within Israel's own borders to crush a growing rebellion among Israel's own 650,000 Arabs.

In stormy scenes in the Knesset (parliament) Israeli-Arab MPs accused the ruling Likud party of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, of being "racist murderers". Mr Shamir retorted that Israeli Jews were having to defend themselves against an upsurge of Palestinian violence during the past three days. Mr Ehud Olmert, the Israeli Minister for Arab Affairs, said Israeli-Arabs had "crossed the borderline of the permissible".

Yesterday, despite curfews and security measures, sporadic violence continued in the occupied territories, in Israel itself and among Palestinians in neighbouring Jordan. The death toil rose to 21 since last Sunday's murder of seven Arab workers by a deranged Israeli Jew.

At a meeting of the Socialist the Israelis with obstructing peace, and said the influx of Soviet Jews to Israel "threatens to ... put the whole region on the verge of a new, bloody confrontation".

Mubarak warning, page 11 Leading article, page 13

Any mist or fog in England

and Wales should soon

# Political sketch

# A tour of some monumental MPs

balloon.

lands are exciting. Would my opining on one of his many hon friend (Patrick Nichols) chosen areas of expertise. accompany me on a trip where I can show him some of these attractions?"

Maureen Hicks (C. Wolhave seen Blind Date on date" from volunteers in-visible to them, behind a It is Sir John who breaks visible to them, behind a screen. The couple then open the spell and brings us back to an unmarked envelope on which is written the nature of the trip they are to take in each other's company.

So female contestants face two nasty shocks: the man, and the holiday. But even malicious viewers would not inflict Patrick Nichols and a day-trip to the Black Country on one girl. And Maureen Hicks was asking for this.

Mr Nichols, who is a junior Employment of the state of the

Employment minister, looked perplexed. He is the sort of boy that mothers encourage daughters to get to know: clean-looking and slightly churchy, with glasses. But Nichols is not un-chivalrous, and (after a moment's panicky hesitation) conceded that it would be "churlish" to refuse.

Where will Maureen and Patrick go? Surely the West Midlands' finest monuments are its MPs ...

The tour starts at possibly 70s' monetarism powered by Trollopean Toryism and cooled by Whiggish doubt. This bizarre contraption, sited at Wolverhampton SW, is called "Nicholas Budgen." But the West Midlands is a land of contrast, and Coventry SE provides it. "Dave Nellist" – a remarkable structure inspired by Stalinist Brutalism yet of comparatively recent construction attracts pilgrimages of militant supporters. In recent years it has drawn visitors away from what was once a rival attraction in Perry Barr,

"Jeff Rooker", now sadly mellowed by time and for-

LEADING politicians will tune. Pausing at Edgbaston, assist in the launch of a where a substantial and wellballoon tomorrow. The bal- preserved Dame - "Jill loon is to encourage use of Knight" - welcomes viewers, organ donor cards. What the we are now close to Selly Oak. politicians are for, you may or "Beaumont-Dark counlike to guess. It is a hot-air try". Here, journalists from all over the world travel - in ... And the prospects for hopes (seldom disappointed) tourism in the West Mid- of spotting the great man

From the moral high around the Black Country, ground here, (for where else would Mr Beaumont-Dark be?) it is just possible on a clear day to see Sir Joh: verhampton NE) must be a Stokes (C, Halesowen & desperate woman. MPs who Stourbridge). Voyages around Sir John need a whole television will know that weekend, for there is so much contestants choose their to marvel at the mon-

> Westminster. Yesterday he was complaining about tourism. "Stratford on Avon" he said "is bursting," adding "My hon friend and I have crossed swords on this in the past." Trust Sir John to cross

misquote him from yes-terday, "that's a nice little Question you've got there, about noisy working conditions in the St Helens glass industry. Perhaps you could give me time to reply in writing? Or else my friend here, Mr Eggar, could wrap it round your neck."

Young Eggar, his fellow-lieutenant, is the rough one a nightclub bouncer of a minister, "Just listen to the facts, if the hon gentleman wouldn't mind" he snarled yesterday. This was a rethe last working model of late strained Eggar, the subject being the employment problems of the disabled.

Andy Stewart (C, Sherwood) wanted a "British National Forest" at Sherwood. This gave Patrick Nichols the opportunity for a joke about Robin Hood. Michael Howard, the smooth yet faintly menacing Employment Secretary, offered a passable Sheriff of ottingham.

It was soon afterwards that Mrs Thatcher swept in dressed all in Lincoln green. I do not recall that Maid Marion wore pearls.

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# **Reward for recruiters**

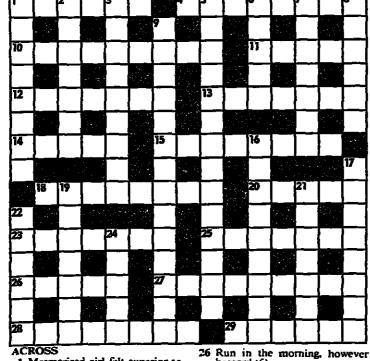
dent Mubarak bitterly charged IT WAS once said that in troduced in the 3rd Battalion every soldier's knapsack there was a marshal's baton. Now soldiers are being given the ant-Colonel Andrew Barrett, chance to become recruiting so that battalion strength can sergeants with a reward of a month's leave and £100 for every man they persuade to

accept the Queen's shilling. The scheme has been in- atives to sign on.

The Queen's Regiment by its commanding officer, Lieutenbe maintained.

Already four soldiers have been awarded cash and leave for persuading friends or rel-

# THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,301



- 1 Mesmerised girl felt superior to a man (6).
- 4 Po becomes radioactive in its full length (8). 10 Endless instances where reform is necded (9).
- 11 Dad's Army members going in - that's awful (5). 12 Gang, and its members? (7).
- 13 Sketch from the boundary (7). 14 Secret police inspector, some say
- 15 Hungarian chess master had a little money reserved (8),
- 18 About to take pasta from spoon
- 20 Correspond with the Sea-Green
- Revolutionary? Not much (5). 23 Galileo, for example, is explo-
- sive rebuffing caller (7). 25 Play this complex character wrecks for the audience (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,300



- haggard (5). 27 Good shot about to arrest one
- who's often behind bars (9). 28 Wife anxious to be charming (8). Persian king captured Peloponnesian leader and divided country (6).

### DOWN

- 1 22 reversed is making jam (8).
- 2 Gravely offend local opinion. say (7). 3 Sole recipient of such a beating
- (9). 5 Senseless, trying to kill Dracula (3.3.3.5).
- 6 I don't rehash gossip (2.3). 7 Don top dropped by African (7). 8 Lake's muddy surface covering snake (6).
- 9 Turning out in numbers for a stage version of *The Bostonians*? (4.10). 16 Lend out in cautious line of business (9).
- 17 Quantities in which coal is found (8). 19 A part of the front, not behind
- 21 Death quietly accepted, but recover (7). 22 Hint for act accepted by dramatist (6).
- Concise crossword, page 15

24 Fragment of the New Testament

rewritten (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard **GUMPHION** a. A negatively charged ion b. A funeral banner c. A fat-head PURLICUE b. A percrati c. A fruity swag in moulding PROLEPSIS a. The long jump b. An anticipatory epithet c. A defensive attitude TAISCH 2. A dominie's whip b. A dying apparit ed to be quiet Auswers ou page 20

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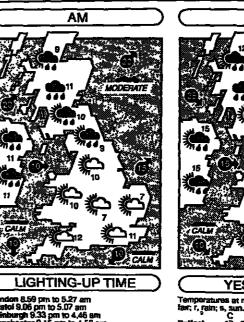
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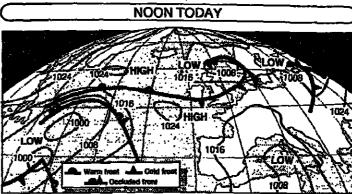


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WEDNESDAY MAY 23 1990

Deal with Sansui will cut debts

**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

# Surge in shares puts £6bn on values

SHARE prices on the London stock market rose to their highest levels for almost three months, with £6 billion being added to the value of Britain's

quoted companies. Futures-related buying and the appearance of overseas investors sent share prices soaring back above the 2,300 level in thin conditions. At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was almost 51 points higher. However, caution before today's trade figures saw prices close below their best levels of the day. The FT-SE 100 ended 29.2 higher at 2,311.3 — its highest close since February 17. While turn-over rose to 629.7 million shares, dealers said this was

not enough to justify the rally. Further reflection of Monday's money supply figures, showing bank and building society lending at its lowest level for almost three years, and positive overnight performances on Wall Street and Tokyo dictated the early pace.

Double figure gains were reported among most blue chips, with ICI 20p higher at £11.83 on turnover of less than 3 million shares.

### Market reports, page 27 Directors leave Saatchi units

Two directors have resigned from two Saatchi & Saatchi subsidiaries to set up their own sales promotion company with the backing of another unnamed internation-

al agency.
The resignations of Mr Stephen Fox, managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi Business Communications (SSBC), and Mr Andy Blackford, creative director of Equator, a sales promotion agency, were described by Saatchi as

### Prowting slips

Prowting, the building group suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £22 million to £16.1 million for the year to end-February on sales down from £80 million to £62 million, The total dividend is held at 5p, out of earnings down from 23.3p to 16.6p.

### THE POUND

**US** dollar 1.6915 (-0.0010)

W German mark 2.8239 (+0.0118)

Exchange index 88.9 (+0.2)

### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1829.5 (+18.7)

FT-SE 100 2311.3 (+29.2)

**New York Dow Jones** 2844.40 (-0.28)\*

Closing Prices INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15-14<sup>15</sup>16%
3-month etigible bills:14<sup>7</sup>16-14<sup>13</sup>22%
US: Prime Pate 10%
Federal Funds 8<sup>10</sup>16%\*
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Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Bardays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers chaques.

Retail Price Index: 125.1 (April)

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# Renault must repay £631m in state aid

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

agreement with the European Commission for Renault to repay Ffr6 billion (£631 million) of the Ffr12 billion the car maker received in government aid.

The eleventh-hour settlement lets Renault off Ffr2.4 billion that the Commission was ready to seek in a court case against the once-ailing state-owned company.

It was welcomed by Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, as a coura-geous decision by M Michel Rocard, the French prime minister.

Final agreement, after months of brinkmanship on both sides, was reached in a meeting yesterday of the 17strong European Commission which voted to back Sir Leon's demand for repayment of Ffr8.4 billion.

He left the meeting to telephone M Rocard and tell him that he had the full backing of his colleagues for his tough stance. The French prime minister, who had earlier indicated that France would never agree to such a at least £38 million of the large repayment, then accepted an out-of-court settlement of Ffr6 billion put on the table by Sir Leon some months ago.

Sir Leon denied that he had caved in to the French or that he was being lenient. "I am interested only in being fair," he said. He added it was in the interests of the commission to reach agreement with member with the French and his

US lawyers

hunt assets

of Guerin

From STEPHEN LEATHER

AMERICAN lawyers are try-ing to trace the assets of Mr

James Guerin, former deputy

chairman of the defence and

electronics group Ferranti International.

A Philadelphia law firm.

Elliott, Mannino and Flah-

erty, hopes to persuade the US

government to release \$2 mil-

lion that Mr Guerin paid into

a bank account in a severance

pay dispute with his former lawyer, Mr William Clark. A

court froze the account when

the US Justice Department

alleged that Mr Guerin and

Mr Clark were involved in

racketeering and that neither

should have the money.

Mr Edward Mannino, of the law firm, said: "I am trying to

establish that Mr Guerin still

has many other assets which

total more than the \$2 million

The US Government said at

a court hearing last week that

it intends to seize all of Mr

The judge hearing the case

has until June 4 to decide

whether Mr Clark can have his

\$1.7 million severance pay from the account. Mr Guerin's

company, Parent Industries.

has given up its claim to it

list of Mr Guerin's assets. It is likely to be complicated. In

court last week, an agent for the Internal Revenue Service

alleged that Mr Guerin used 30 Swiss bank accounts to run

Mr Mannino wants a full

under a plea agreement.

Guerin's assets eventually.

at stake here."

compared to "plea bargain-ing" as no criminal element was involved, he said it was common legal practice to give opponent a substantial inducement to settle for less than might otherwise have

He saluted M Rocard's lastminute change of mind. "I recognize and understand the political sensitivity of the case, and think it courageous of him to be prepared to agree — even if a little late. It is also a signal of France's desire to comply with Community law."

been obtained by a court

Under the agreement, Renault will immediately repay Ffr3.5 billion to the French government, A further Ffr2.5 billion in debts that were taken over by the state will be reinscribed on the Renault balance sheet, to be repaid under the original loan schedule.

The settlement has clear implications for the Commission case against Rover, which may be asked to repay inducements given by the British Government to British Aerospace when the car company was taken over. Sir Leon said there was no

"read-over" from Renault to any other case. He said his decision on Rover would what it would be.

However, his tough stand

FRANCE has reached states rather than take dis-emphatic insistence that Brusputes to the European Court sels has a duty to outlaw all of Justice. And though insist- state aid, whatever the ing the case could not be circumstances, make the Regive little comfort to the British Government.

The Renault agreement prevents the French government injecting any more capital into the company until after the end of this year. But Sir Leon also suggested that he would raise no objection to the company's link with Volvo, which he said did not appear to raise any competition

Such a link would also make it easier for France to invest later in Renault as the state would then clearly be acting, like Volvo, as an investor rather than a provider of illegal aid.

Sir Leon said the ban on state aid applies to both private and nationalized companies, but it is much more difficult for Brussels to decide what constitutes aid, rather than investment, in the latter case.

The previous commission had brought the case against Renault as the aid was given at a time when the company was losing money and no private investor would have put in so much.

Renault has also now complied with most of the other conditions set by Brussels having changed its protected "regie" status earlier this come soon, but gave no hint of month and agreed to reduce some of its capacity.

# BA flies to £345m and launches cost control programme

By JOHN BELL CTTY EDITOR

BRITISH Airways has launched a wide-ranging cost control programme after a rise in profits from £268 million to £345 million in the year to end-March.

The exercise will focus on support activities that account for £700 million a year of costs. Planning departments and bought-in goods and services are also to be scruti-nized. BA would not comment on the possibility of redundancies emerging from the programme.

Lord King, BA chairman, said that group costs required constant scrutiny. He expected that the programme would begin to produce benefits during the current year.

Last year BA absorbed substantial cost increases, £127 million on fuel prices alone that rose 30 per cent. Aircraft lease costs climbed 44 per cent while staff costs rose 16.8 per expenditure grew more slowly than the airline's revenues. year at 26 per cent. Overall airline expenditure rose 13.7 per cent.

longer working life of the fleet.

30 Swiss bank accounts to run a \$1 billion fraud through Ferranti's US subsidiary, I SC. earnings per share climbed from 24.3p to 34.1p. The board proposes a final divi-



Lord King: costs scrutiny dend of 6.05p making a total of 8.85p, an increase of 14.2

per cent on 1988. Partly due to the £320 million convertible bond issue last October, which was originally intended to finance the abortive buyout of United cent with staff numbers grow-ing 3.2 per cent. But other ing fell sharply. The net debt to total capital ratio ended the

BA's fourth quarter profit, also released yesterday, was The profits, which were £15 million compared with a better than expected, included £5 million loss last year. The gains of £41 million largely gain arose mainly from lower from sales of aircraft, pension depreciation charges and air-cost savings of £53 million craft sales proceeds. The and £30 million from a change fourth quarter absorbed a loss in depreciation to reflect of £5 million from the new joint venture with Sabena, the Group revenues rose £581 Belgian airline, which is under million to £4.84 billion while scrutiny from the Monopolies

Tempus, page 25

# 58 Sock | LUI calls in the

administrators.

Mr Colin Bird and Mr Alan MORE than half the Sock Shop International outlets in this country are to close and a third of the staff to lose their iobs in an effort by the administrative receivers to Miss Sophie Mirman, chairman and founder of Sock Shop, admitted some sadness

Alternatively, they may ask

empire. The decision to shut the stores was taken by BDO Binder Hamlyn, the administrative receivers, appointed in February in the face of losses and mounting debts at

Sock Shop.
Only six shops are being kept open outside London, where another 46 will remain where another 46 will remain. Fifty-eight are being closed, and about 150 people will be and that made redundant.

The search continues for an outside partner prepared to effect a financial rescue at Sock Shop and assume its debts, with two or three runners still in the race.

Brian Haycox

Shop

outlets

to close

By MARTIN WALLER

save the niche retailer.

at the dismemberment of her

Miss Mirman said that if a rescue deal could be put together soon enough, some of the shops to be shut could be saved. "It's a short-term decision. The majority are profitable over a year, but not over the summer months," she said. "It's unfortunately the only thing the administrators could do."

The future of Miss Mirman and her husband and cofounder, Mr Richard Ross, remains uncertain. "That's basically for the people who buy the thing to settle," said Mr Chris Swinson, national managing partner at Binder Hamlyn.

He said the stores retained had "consistent profit records over a whole year and are trading profitably at the moment." Setting aside the mounting debts at Sock Shop. believed by observers to approach £20 million, the remainder of the group was therefore viable.

Mr Swinson said the restructuring and closures made the company more attractive to an eventual buyer by cutting out continuing

Rise and fall, page 25

# administrators

Screen test: Asil Nadir and Polly Peck directors answer shareholders' questions at yesterday's annual meeting

David Fawcus

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

ments, the suspended in- Price Waterhouse yesterday surance group, has called in said the suspension would

Barrett, partners from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, who were appointed as administrators to LUL, are expected to look for ways to sell some of the 40-plus subsidiaries, principally HS Weavers, the underwriting agency, and Walbrook, the US liability underwriter.

the banks to reschedule the

Mr Justice Vinelott, the High Court judge, said after reading a confidential accountants' report that there was "an unanswerable case" for package. the administration order.

Last March, LUI was pre- pointment. vented from taking on new

actuaries, revealed a shortfall underwriting subsidiaries.

LONDON United Invest- pended its shares at 30p each. continue, and refused to comment on their possible value.

LUI specialized in US liability insurance. Since it was suspended, Walbrook and Weavers have had little or no income, and have been unable to pay dividends to the holding company. LUI in turn has found it impossible to meet debt repayments. In the 1988 accounts these are recorded at £23 million, plus a mortgage debenture of £5 million.

Despite the administration order, a group of London insurance brokers will continue their attempts to assemble a £120 million rescue

Last night, Mr David Row-"Liquidation is the only alter- land, the chairman of Sedgwick, who is leading the rescue wholly disastrous," he added. attempt, welcomed the ap-

Insurance brokers are worbusiness by the Department of ried that a full liquidation of Trade when a preliminary LUI, and the subsequent report from Tillinghast, the shortfall in funds, would lead to a flood of lawsuits against in reserves at six of its them from LUI's clients who discovered their claims could The company also sus- not be paid.

# Polly Peck in £307m cash boost

Asil Nadir

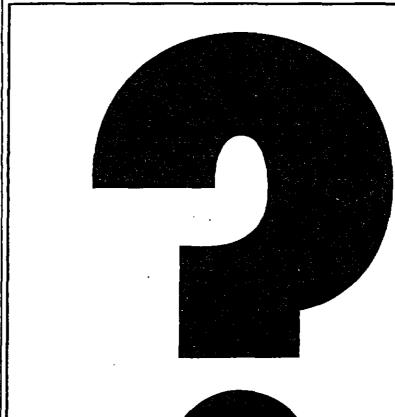
By MELINDA WITTSTOCK POLLY PECK International has injected its Capetronic and Imperial electronics businesses into Sansui, the lossmaking Japanese audio products maker in which it took a controlling stake last October.

Sansui is buying the businesses for £307.5 million cash, to be raised through an issue of new shares. Polly Peck will buy most of these, lifting its stake to more than 70 per cent. Polly Peck, the produce to consumer electronics group built up by Mr Asil Nadir, will receive about £30 million cash, to be used to reduce

horrowings. Mr Nadir said the deal will boost the market capitalization of Sansui to \$1.1

billion. Polly Peck is to raise £70 million via the listing of Vestel, its Turkish consumer electronics group, on the Istanbul stock exchange.

The £100 million raised vesterday and the £141.5 million raised last week by the sale of nine refrigerated cargo ships, will reduce borrowings from £869 million at the yearend to £627.5 million. Gearing will fall from 155 per cent to 65 per cent.





WHO HAS **MADE HOT NEWS** IN DICTATION

# **Building societies consider 'cautious reductions'**

# HMC offer points to lower mortages

By LINDSAY COOK FAMILY MONEY EDITOR

A FIXED rate mortgage launched by HIMC today is the first tangible sign that mortgage rates are falling. The mortgage is fixed at 14.45 per cent for the first year. falls to 12.95 per cent for year two and then transfers on to the centralized

lender's variable mortgage rate. Other lenders are also known to be considering fixed-rate loans after last week's fall in the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate. At the Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, Mr David Gilchrist, general manager, said: "The interest rates are not that much different from what most building societies will be offering on variable rates over the same period.

We do not expect much to happen before the end of 1990. But if there is to be a reduction of 2 to 3 per cent before the election it will not be in the last few

months before the election. It will be a fairly cautious reduction."

Mr Duncan Young the HMC manag-ing director, said: "This scheme is structured to allow borrowers to take advantage of the expected fall in interest rates next year, and still know exactly

what their mortgage payment will be."

Last week Bear Stearns, the US bank, launched its Passport Mortgage, which will allow borrowers to switch into any of the fixed-rate loans it offers during the next five years. Certainty of payments is attractive to borrowers who have experienced a roller coaster ride on mortgage rates since the 1988 giveaway Budget. But they do not want to be locked in to

current high rates. Fixed-rate offers are not expected to give a boost to the property market, though, as they are available for remortgages, which currently account for about 70 per cent of lending. These special offers could be bad news for the than the building societies.

Government as borrowers who change lender for a special deal are often tempted to release some cash.

The HMC fixed-rate offer can be taken as an interest-only loan, further cutting the monthly payments. The centralized lender will not even ask how the loan will eventually be paid back at the end of the term. Borrowers expecting to inherit a family property could pay off the loan with the proceeds. There is also a deferred interest option, which would mean that payments in year three onwards will rise substantially unless variable interest rates fall well below

12.95 per cent. The money available is limited and contracts must be exchanged by August 24. Up to 95 per cent of a property's value is available on loans up to £100,000. Above this the limit is 90 per cent. HMC's variable mortgage rate is 15.65 per cent - 0.25 per cent higher The Guinness trial

# Crown case ends after 53 days of evidence

brought the Crown's case to a

close at about noon yesterday, commenting that it was the 14th week of the trial.

Earlier, Mrs Barbara Mills.

QC, number two in the

prosecution team, referred the

ury to the brightly coloured

oose-leaf binders that they share, one between two.

known in the case as "The Rainbow File." Although the

jurors have already seen hun-

dreds of pages of documents

involved in the case, she

pointed out a number of

prepared papers intended to

advisers used by Guinness during the "titanic struggle"

for Distillers - the merchant

banks, management consultants, solicitors, brokers and

Other pages were graphs showing the changes of Argyll

and Guinness share prices during the takeover battle,

letters appealing to Distillers

shareholders to accept the

Guinness offer, and press

releases issued when the bid

Mr Justice Henry told the

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The trial continues today.

company auditors.

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The papers included a list of

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four defendants accused of offences in the Guinness takeover of Distillers closed yesterday, 56 days into the trial.

The jury of eight men and four women have sat through 53 days of evidence and have heard from 50 people called by the prosecution to give evidence from the witness-box in Courtroom No 2 at Southwark Crown Court. Yesterday, the jurors were

told that, because of legal submissions, they need not return to the hearing until iCam on Monday, June 4, when the defence case is expected to begin.

On trial are Ernest Saun-ders, aged 54, the former chief executive; Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of Heron Corporation; Anthony Parnes, aged 44, a stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, a financier. They variously deny 24 charges, includ-ing theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies

It is alleged, by the prosecution, that an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure that a £2.7 billion bid by Guinness for Distillers in 1986 beat the offer of the brewing group's rival bidder, Argyll.

Supporters recruited to support Guinness were paid in-



Saunders: denies charges over Guinness takeover demnities and success fees, the

The jury has been told that Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, wrote to the company's solicitors alleging impropriety and implicating himself and Mr Saunders after a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry began into the takeover. An internal investigation by

auditors later identified "areas of concern" including £25 million payments to cover losses on investments and success fees, it has been

The defendants deny knowingly being concerned in any illegal transactions relating to the bid.

the would probably prefer to have a set date to return after the legal submissions, and told them to come back on June 4.

Mr John Chadwick, QC,

# New tune at Chesterfield



Roger Wingate: soaring asset-value gains of the past two years "consolidated" THE dramatic rise in net asset two years have been consoli-

values has come to an end at dated against the background Chesterfield Properties (Mator a deteriorating property thew Bond writes).

In the year to December net assets per share rose by only 5.3 per cent. In the previous two years increases were 41 per cent and 64 per cent.

Mr Roger Wingate, managing director, said: "Although the increase in net asset value was modest, I am grateful that the significant gains of the last

What increase in value Wingate, was due to just one West End office block.

At all other properties any increase in rent had been countered by an increase in the yield at which the property was valued. Net assets per share stand at 1,434p. Pre-tax 745p.

profits rose by 13.5 per cent to £12.1 million, helped by a 63 per cent increase in rental income to £24.3 million. However, the interest charge there had been, said Mr more than trebled to £10 million. A further £13.4 million has been capitalized against the value of the group's developments.

> A final dividend of 11.1p (10p) a share gives a total of 17.6p. The shares shed 5p to

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP 'Nothing sinister' in Diamond Group delay

DIAMOND Group Holdings, the mechanical breakdown insurance company whose newly-quoted shares were suspeninsurance company whose he day to report interim results, is ded last October when it failed to report interim results, is unlikely to publish those results before mid-July. Mr Michael Housely, who took over as chief executive following the resignation of Mr Derek Diamond last month, said it had taken longer than expected to prepare the accounts for audit, but that there was "nothing sinister" in the delay. Shareholders would be given a full explanation of the difficulties.

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Mr Housely said current trading was "going very well." It is understood that Diamond will report losses of between £1 million and £2 million. Diamond shares, placed on the USM at 85p a year ago, were suspended at 65p. Mr Housely said he was prepared to meet "any shareholder" who asks for an explanation.

Scott's goes into profit

SCOTT'S Restaurant, the restaurant operator, made pre-tax profits of £693,000 in the year to end-December, against a £419,000 loss. The trading performance was helped by turnover 8.8 per cent ahead, at £6.77 million, and 1988's disposal of the loss-making Mirabelle Restaurant. Earnings per share are 80.85p (81.24p loss). The dividend is 8.6p (4.78p).

### Film library owner ahead

PRE-TAX profits at British & American Film Holdings, the investment company and film library owner, rose by 29.7 per cent to £927,000 in the year to end-December. Earnings per share are 25.04p (19.58p). The final is 5.65p (5.05p), making a total dividend of 8.3p (7.425p). Effective net assets per share, excluding film rights, rose to 795.4p (580.7p).

# Platon back in black

PLATON International, the instrumentation group, is back in the black with a pre-tax profit of £408,000 in the year to end-March, compared with a £561,000 loss. Earnings per

share are 5.7p (13.2p loss). Again there is no dividend.

The group, which has disposed of its troubled electronics businesses, has been solely involved in instrumentation, with turnover in this field increasing by 24.5 per cent to £5.18 million (£5.63 million). Exports have increased by 15.4 per cent. The company has reduced administrative expenses by 17 per cent to £1.21 million. Gearing stood at 68 per cent (140 per cent). There was an extraordinary loss of £60,000.

### Setback for Frank Gates

AMID difficult trading conditions in the motor trade, Frank G Gates, the London Ford main dealer, saw pre-tax profits slip from £2.28 million to £1.95 million in the year to end-December. Group turnover edged up by 5 per cent to £82.9 million. Eps fell from 6.83p to 5.34p, but the final dividend remains 2.75p, after adjustment

### Mecca chief's salary rises

MR MICHAEL Guthrie. chairman and chief executive of Mecca Leisure Group, earned a salary of £145,000 last year, according to the annual report, up from an annualized £111,000 for the year to December 1988. Two other directors received salaries of between £95,000 and £100,000, and five employees earned between £95,000 and £120,000.

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# Aspinall buys club

MR JOHN Aspinall, the former casino chief turned animal lover, is returning to the London gaming scene where he first made his name with the purchase for an undisclosed sum from the adminstrative receivers of Aspinall Curzon of part of the casino's assets and the White Elephant Club.

Aspinall Curzon is part of Leisure Investments, the crashed leisure empire once run by Mr Stephen Forsyth which was bought by Courtwell, formerly known as Bear Brand, this year. The Aspinall Curzon Club itself was formerly run by Mr Aspinall before he sold it to Mr Peter de Savary's Landleisure, subsequently itself swallowed up by LL.

# Fisons chief goes on defensive in peat campaign

institutional investors over to aid regeneration after threats to nature in peatlands extractor of lowland peat, to make a statement at its annual meeting to defend its act-

Mr John Kerridge, chairman and chief executive of the pharmaceutics, instruments and horticulture group, said Fisons used peat in its products only where there was no

substitute. He said 90 per cent of the peat extracted by Fisons was used to produce composts and growing media.

"There is no suitable viable lternative currently available for this purpose," he argued, although Fisons had substituted other materials where possible — as in its lawn fertilizers - and was funding

He added that Fisons devoted 10 per cent of its 9,000 of lowland peatlands, to na- ing goals," he added.

A CAMPAIGN to influence ture reserves and made efforts

The Peatlands Campaign, led by Friends of the Earth, has campaigned with Pensions Investment Research Consultants to persuade institutions to press for peat-cutting to be stopped on land designated as of interest to nature conserv-

It claimed that 90 per cent of Fisons' operations were on sites of special scientific

On group prospects, Mr Kerridge said the economic situation had not affected its performance in the first few months of the year. "We have set ourselves

some relatively demanding and indeed amibitious growth targets for 1990, and I can tell you that in the first four months of the year, we are in number of instances comfortacres of Britain's 75,000 acres ably exceeding, these demand-

# Chemicals group sacks 40 as Soviet bills crisis deepens

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU **EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT** 

THE crisis surrounding the of West Germany, have re-Soviet Union's foreign cur-rency drain intensified as yet another international chemical company announced that West Germany economics substantial bills had not been ministry to believe that the

Akzo, the Dutch chemical group, claimed that it is owed everal dozens of millions of guilders worth of unpaid

It said that it had been forced to sack 40 workers in its carpet yarn division as a direct consequence of the problems with the Soviet Union, the division's largest customer.

Akzo is the latest chemical group to have fallen foul of recent Soviet trade practices, although until the end of last year the Soviet Union had been regarded as one of the most reliable debtors in the

Other chemical companies, including BASF and Hoechst

ported similar problems. The worsening of the situation has led officials in the

problems could lead to a

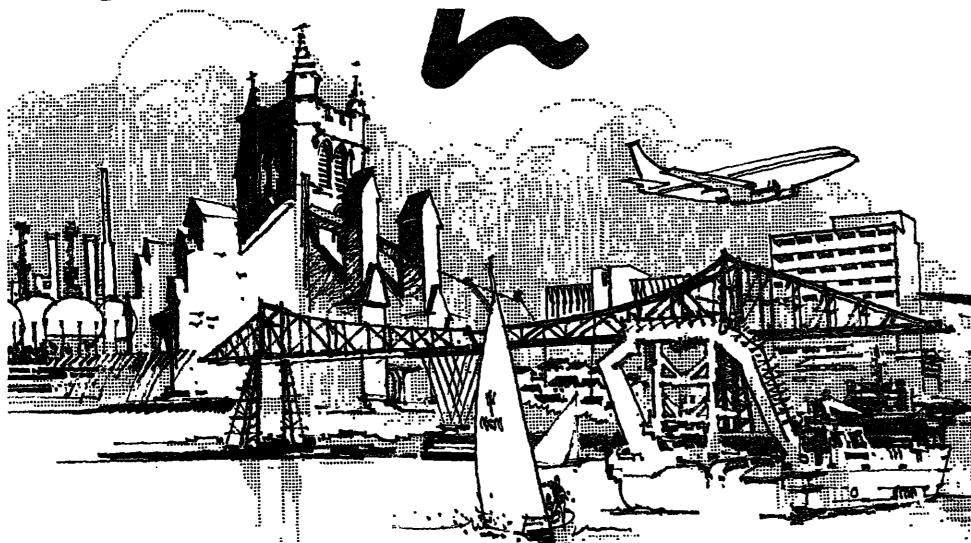
severe setback in East-West trade. In West Germany, where the problems have been greatest, some small- and mediumsized companies have already

cut trading links with the Soviet Union The cause of the problems lies in a shortage of foreign currency reserves and in a restructuring of the Soviet Union's foreign trade

regulations. The restructuring involved the abolition of foreign trade associations and the introduction of rules allowing imports and exports no longer to balance globally but on a

sector basis.





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he Brussels Music Hall was mourning the loss of Max Wall last night, but The Berleymont players were trying

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I say, I say, I say, what is the difference between an investment and a subsidy? I don't know, what is the

difference between an investment and a subsidy? If a company is going bank-rupt and the state puts in money,

that is aid; if it is doing well and the state invests capital, that is not aid.

That is really no joke. It is a curious statement from Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, to support settlement of the long-running saga of Renault and the aid it received from the French government.
There is a superficial logic in the
statement, but it falls apart under examination. A company can be doing remarkably well but still be given aid. Aid for a special project. Launch aid for a new aircraft or engine. Aid for expansion into new plant. And so on.

At the other end of the equation, we find equally non-

# Accommodating competition in Brussels

conformist situations. Investment can be made in start-up ventures which might fail without government help, but which stand to pay off handsomely if they can be brought successfully to market. Private investors are every day putting money into loss-makers in the hope of turning a modest stake into a major windfall.

In other words, the distinction drawn is bogus, or at the very least open to endless argument about its interpretation.

But in the Renault decision, there was one vista of sparkling clarity. The Competition Commissioner is prepared to do deals, to compromise with politicians, to accept that which can be obtained by negotiation rather than that which is necessarily right or within the rules. Renault has got away with returning substantially less than the EC believed should be repaid, and is even then paying only a proportion in cash. The

### COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

implications for Rover in the £38 million "sweeteners" affair will not be overlooked. A neat £30 million in a plain brown envelope should do nicely.

The willingness of the Commissioner to do deals, albeit after a lengthy period of stand-off during which, according to one particularly flowery French interpretation, the two sides showed their teeth in a grimace that has turned into a smile, also has implications for the manner in which competition policy might be run from Brussels. At present, the most senior competition bodies operated by EC countries, the Office of Fair Trading and Monopolies Commission in Britain and the Federal Cartel Office in Germany, are fiercely independent of politics. Admittedly, any MMC recommendation can be over-ruled by the Secretary of State for Trade, but its conclusions and recommendations are its own, untainted, view. The same applies to Germany. It would be a great shame if that impartiality is lost.

Nigel's turn?

Now that London is to be the home of the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development the next target. and Development the next target for British infiltration could be the International Monetary Fund. Although the present managing director, Michel Camdessus, is not due to complete his five-year term

until December next year, speculation is growing that he will not serve a further term.

Talk in the upper echelons of the Fund is already centring on the ample figure of Nigel Lawson as a possible successor. By tradition, the president of the World Bank is always an American while the managing director of the IMF is a European.

Britain has never had an official in a top international post just as it has never hosted a major inter-national financial institution. By contrast, M Camdessus is the third Frenchman to have served as IMF managing director follow-ing Pierre-Paul Schweitzer and Jacques de Larozière. A Frenchman, Jacques Delors, also heads the EC Commission; another, Jean-Claude Paye, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and a third, Jacques Attali, has been named head of the EBRD. The other managing directors of the Fund have been a Belgian, Swedes (two)

and a Dutchman. The last should give the Netherlands some modest recompense for losing out in the EBRD scramble.

Sir Geoffrey Howe was approached for the post of IMF managing director when it last became vacant in 1986 but expressed no interest. He was at that time Foreign Secretary and presumably retained domestic political ambitions.

Mr Lawson would certainly bring a new liveliness to the IMF and could be counted on to raise its profile. The acid remarks which he has directed at Fund staff seem unlikely to be held against him. The question is whether he would receive sufficient support in the political horse-trading. He does not appear to have taken any more trouble to build a constituency among Fund members than he did with Con-

servative back-benchers. Final decisions on a successor to M Camdessus will be taken next year in the executive committee of the IMF. On past form, this will be preceded by intensive diplomacy, during which the successful candidate will mysteriously emerge rather as a new Pope is elected.

TWO years ago Miss Sophie Mirman, still riding on the wave of niche retailing that she had helped create, was voted USM Entrepreneur of the Year.

Miss Mirman's Sock Shop International had not even been on the USM a full 12 months. On the panel who elected her were two other examples of that 1980s breed, the Business Superstar - Mr Tony Berry and Miss Debbie Moore.

At that stage Miss Moore, the dance studio queen, had aiready met her Waterloo and limped away from the Pineapple Group. Mr Berry and his Blue Arrow group had theirs still to come.

It was a time when a businessman or woman with a formula and a winning way with the City could find themselves on the cover of all the best lifestyle magazines.

Mr Richard Branson, Mr John Ashcroft, Mr George Davies, Mrs Anita Roddick ... the small investor, educated in the ways of popular capitalism by the privatization programme and with expectations unduly raised, flocked to put money in their

Miss Mirman had it all She had an easy charm and a bluestocking business background - mother milliner to the Queen, father a vice-president of Christian Dior. She had worked right in the heart of the retailing success story of recent years, as secretary to Lord Sieff at Marks and Spencer, and then switched to the first real niche retailer. Tie Rack, where she met her husband and co-founder of Sock Shop, Mr Richard Ross.

That summer of 1988, the stock market crash had tarnished one set of 1980s heroes in the City itself, but the bottom had yet to fall out of consumer spending to blight another. The awards kept coming for Sock Shop, and the exponential growth on which

mally replaced.

By the turn of that year the were commanding.

# Rise and fall of Sock Shop is classic tale of the 1980s



Success story that turned sour: Sophie Mirman

cracks were starting to show. Analysts were beginning to 1989 Mr Ross, who had worry about rising borrowbelief at the time was that the ings, then more than 100 per in the City for his difficult cent of shareholders' funds. they were based could never Sales in existing stores were already static, but another 35 The departure of Mr Ronnew outlets were planned that ald Jacob, the finance director, financial year, and the City through ill health went un-noticed. He was never for-basis for the sky-high multiples some niche retailers

As the company entered already acquired a reputation manner, promised an ap-proach that would be a lot less glitzy and a lot more practical."

for a partner and make heavy write-offs for its US side and admitted the need for refinancing.

The adminstrative receivers went in in February to try to find a partner who would prop up the company and assume its mounting debts, reckened to approach £20 million. Yesterday a third of the staff lost their jobs and half the shops in this country closed.

Mr Peter Moss, corporate

development director, had gone in March, a belated acknowledgement that Sock Shop had had quite enough corporate development for the time being. The knives were out for Mr Ross - Miss Mirman claims to have felt physically ill when she read one morning that her husband's dismissal was the price

the City would reportedly exact for the group's survival. Sock Shop's problems in the US, already a graveyard for British retailers, were simple. It lost sight of the fact that Americans shop in huge malls, and that the kind of inner city corner sites it prefers are the province of the crack-crazed mugger. Sales were minimal.

security costs astronomical. In this country, the concept that worked in the South-east did not transplant to less prosperous areas. City executives may overpay for the convenience of picking up a pair of tights on the way into work, but the average housewife fights her way into J Sainsbury. Significantly, only from a detailed study of the sive 20 per cent a year. six of the 52 viable stores being kept open are outside London

In its quest for new outlets. a drive that can fairly be blamed on City pressure for further growth, Sock Shop locked itself into rents at the top of the high street property falling sales and profits were insufficient to cover its skyhigh costs.

It was a classic late 1980s story -- borrowings taken out at lower interest rates funded expansion that was never needed.

"She's probably not responsible for what's happened," remarked one City observer. "She was mainly involved in the product and marketing. A year later it had all fallen I'm very sorry for her - but apart. The company, warned of losses, was forced to look for him."

Martin Waller

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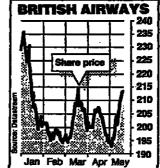
# British Airways flies higher

THOSE inclined to take potshots at British Airways found plenty of ammunition to hand in the full-year figures. There was a hatful of contributions towards the £77 million pretax profits advance which arose from sources other than the mainstream business of running the world's most profitable airline.

Aircraft sales chipped in £41 million, a change of depreci-ation policy cut the charge by £30 million and reduced pension contributions added £53 million. The net result was a 29 per cent gain at the pre-tax level to £345 million while a lower tax rate of 29 per cent, compared with 35 per cent, helped to boost the post-tax profit by 40 per cent.

But any suggestion that BA has indulged in a gentle massaging of profits seems wide of the mark. The point for private shareholders to take on board is that the aircraft sales, the depreciation changes and the pension benefits are by no means "one-off" gains. Sales of fixed assets will

probably top £80 million this



working life of BA's fleet. In a tough year BA absorbed uge extra costs, too - £127 million on fuel and £120 million on staff. On estimates of £410 million this year, BA shares at 210p still look cheap on six times earnings.

### Readicut

UNTIL Readicut's latest figures, it was possible to argue that the company had escaped its overdependence on the British economy, which dragged it down into losses in the early eighties. In the five years after Professor Roland Smith's appointment as chairyear, the pension benefits last man in 1984, profits quafor the forseeable future and drupled and earnings per the depreciation change arises share advanced at an impres-

In the 12 months to March, houses on the company's 600 however, profits rose by only 0.1 per cent to £18.7 million, implying a 15 per cent reduction in the second half. Earnings per share fell by a tenth overall to 6.49p, because of the dilution from the £26 million rights issue to pay for Visscher, the Dutch tufted carpet manufacturer acquired at the end of 1988.

The main setback was due to a fall in car output in Britain. Its business supplying car carpets, seat covers and rubber seals accounts for about one-fifth of group sales. These problems have continued this year and analysts expect a further setback in the first half of 1990-91. However, a better second half could result in profits of £18 million and earnings per share of 6.2p.

That would give a prospec-tive p/e ratio of 9 and the shares, up 2p at 54½p, may be rerated sharply once it is clear that a recovery is under way.

### **Prowting**

PROWTING, the South-east housebuilder, is sticking to its policy of protecting its mar-

acre land bank.

Helped by commercial land sales. Prowting's operating margins actually increased last year to 30.5 per cent, compared to 28.3 per cent in 1989. But due to the state of the market, profits suffered and will continue to do so.

As a South-east specialist, Prowting could not expect to escape the slump unscathed. In the year to February, it built only 307 houses, compared with 704 the year before, although turnover was held up by building and selling more expensive houses.

A final dividend of 3.3p leaves the total unchanged at 5p. Interest charges increased by 487 per cent to £3.23 million, reducing pre-tax profits to £16.1 million, 26 per cent below 1989's level. Gearing, however, is only 24 per cent and should ensure that the company will be around to

see a market revival. That could come too late to save this year's figures, which may see profits fall again, per-haps to £12 million, although land sales could once again gins. If chief executive, Mr come to the rescue. But while Terry Roydon, cannot make profits fluctuate, investors money, he does not build should remember the margins.

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY



### Bears' picnic is over

A TOP City fund manager has predicted that the FT-SE 100 Index could easily reach 3,000 yesterday's close — in 12 months and that the British academic ring, some say it stock market is finally breaking out of its bear phase. "It's now turning into a bull market," he said, confidently. Chatting amid the relaxed surroundings of Kingfisher's now traditional hospitality marquee at the Chelsea Flower Show, Richard Minors, who runs the British arm of Nomura Capital, the investment management arm of the all-powerful Japanese securities house - the biggest stockbroking firm in the world—said: "I know my views are somewhat unusual but the time to buy the UK market is when you no longer sleep easily in your bed at night, knowing that you are underweight. For me that happened about two and a half weeks ago. In hindsight, the time to have started buying the UK market was the day after the local elections." Speaking about the fund management division, Nomura had, he said, "been tickling money into the market all last week. and it would continue to do

so. Aware that it is tradition-

ally the foreign houses which "turn" markets, since domes-

tic firms are often disadvantaged by being too close, he added: "It might ease back

a little bit, just to pause for

breath, but this market is

basically going up." It sounds

Institute, who resolutely stuck to his bullish stance when all around him were bears.

DIY chair academic ring, some say it even sounds a trifle comic. But Dr Rex Clark, of Leeds Business School - an autonomous part of Leeds Polytechnic - is nevertheless now to be officially known as "The B&Q Dean." B&Q, the DIY group owned by Kingfisher, is sponsoring the post for an undisclosed five-figure sum. Pondering on this new ap-pointment, Jim Hodkinson, chief executive of B&Q - after collecting yet another gold award for the company's garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, and its second suc-cessive award for the best garden in the show - admitted



"I see they are extending

as if Minors is even out- that if Clark was the B&Q on the City streets, with a bulling Nick Knight, equity Dean, "I'm not quite sure strategist at Nomura Research where that leaves me." "The collection tin, albeit for a short white. What better man to Provost?" suggested one of his colleagues helpfully.

FISONS chief Roy Kerridge

has moved his company up a few notches in the private shareholder league table of the most hospitable annual meet-ings. Not only were investors rewarded with a buffet lun-cheon at Merchant Taylors

Hall in Threadneadle Street, Hall in Threadneadle Street, yesterday, al fresco, in the paved garden, but they were also given a box of Fisons products. Clearly determined to keep his shareholders alive and contented for as long as possible, the products ranged from Sanatogen vitamin pills, houseplant food and fertilizer to hand cream and a new to hand cream and a new

mineral bath guaranteed to soothe aches and pains. Rattling forth commodity trader. Duncan new institution to London. has also persuaded a certain Nigel Lawson to venture out

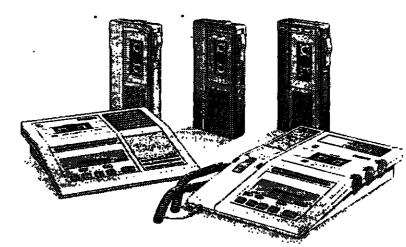
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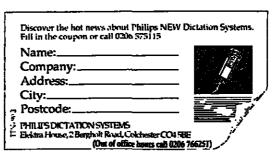
### Big bank

Reconstruction and Dev-elopment could be the best thing for yuppy economists since Big Bang. Unlike the jobs in the City goldrush of the mid-1980s, the new institution will have permanent posts backed by taxpayers of 40 countries, rather than dependent on the fluctuating demand of the market-place. But best of all, the salaries expected to be up to £79,000 with perks which include firstclass travel — will be tax-free since they are classified as international civil servants. For the established cadre of development economists, the opening up of Eastern Europe FUND raisers from the Royal
Marsden, one of the foremost
cancer hospitals in Europe,
will be manding their unit. will be wending their way across the various trading floors of the City tomorrow in a bid to take their Cancer Fund Appeal closer to its £25 million target. And in tracking million target. And in tracking whole economies from com-down the right exchanges — mand systems into free mar-which will include Liffe, kets is a challenge of a Lloyd's, the Baltic and the different order. The Treasury LME - they have been ably and, to a lesser extent, the assisted by their appeal director, Richard Duncan. For orraged badly before Big Bang, Duncan, aged 54, once worked could soon see another outin the Square Mile. Until he flow of talent. In short, the took early retirement two mandarins of Great George years ago. he ran the futures Street may yet come to regret broking division at Cargill, the their success in attracting this

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Mr Redwood said that Po-

land, Hungary and Czecho-

slovakia, had moved rapidly

towards meeting the pre-

Monetary Union in July.

and the Soviet Union to make

hard currency payments.

# UK 'trailblazing in Eastern bloc'

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

blazing" in Eastern Europe, and the arrival of the European Bank for Reconstruction Guarantee Department is curand Development in London rently considering applicashould provide great new tions from British companies openings for the City, Mr John in excess of £2 billion on Redwood, the Corporate Af- Eastern European business. fairs Minister, said yesterday.

Speaking at a joint govern- elled widely in Eastern Europe ment-industry conference at this year, cited the Ganzthe Confederation of British Hunslet railway joint venture Industry headquarters, he said in Hungary, ICL and Digital London is capable of becom- in Poland, and British accouning the main capital-raising tancy firms in both countries, and project-designing market as evidence of British trailfor the new democracies.

"The business opportunities are substantial ... here West Germany and Austria in London we have the legal, accountancy and business skills that Eastern Europe substantially more joint venneeds. We should now mar- tures. In Poland, Britain is

BRITISH business is "trail- shall these for the rebuilding of fifth. West Germany's current found West German domi- important for companies to

Mr Redwood, who has travhlazing.

In Hungary, he said only among Britain's European counterparts have concluded

preoccupation with East Germany could provide British companies with a chance to develop business in other parts of Eastern Europe, said Mr Chris Shute, commercial secretary at the British Embassy in Warsaw.

He added that in Poland it appears the prospects the West Germans saw in East Germany had "taken the heat off" the Polish market for the time being. Personal observation indicated there are now fewer West German businessmen in Poland compared with recent times, he said.

This may only be a temporary phase, but could offer a window of opportunity to and uncertainty throughout some have frozen further shi British firms who previously Eastern Europe. It is therefore ments until debts are paid.

nance in their area," he said. consider risks when considering investing or exporting to

Eastern Europe," he said. He called on businessmen to appreciate that the ECGD conditions on open, Western- had to protect itself against style economies, in most medium and long-term credit respects, while East Germany risk by ensuring that the would become part of the national foreign trade banks, Western system after German such as Soviet Vnesheconom-

the ability of Eastern Europe they now are demanding full settlement before shipment. Most firms have been owed "It is a time of great change money for six months and and uncertainty throughout some have frozen further ship-

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car-parts factory

By ROBERT RODWELL AN ALUMINIUM die-cast-

ing plant to manufacture transmission and clutch casings for Ford and other European car makers is to be built at Carrickfergus, Co Antrim. by Riobi, the Japanese golf clubs to printing-presses engincering group.

With construction on the £15 million plant to begin next year and a production start-up in 1992, the plant should be employing 100 people by 1994, but could more than double this over the following five years.

Riobi, which has its head quarters in Hiroshima, earne more than 50 per cent of its £770 million sales last year from die-casting plants in Japan and the US.

Dr Akio Urakami, grou executive vice-president, cite Northern Ireland's good infra stucture, business climate work ethic and "the proper attitude of your friendly people" as leading factors in Riobi's choice of Carrickfergus for its first Euro pean plant.

When the factory is in production about 2,500 people in Northern Ireland - about 21 per cent of the entire manufac turing workforce - will work for Japanese-owned companies. The Northern Ireland economy minister, Mr Rich ard Needham, contrasted this with Scotland's relative lack o success in attracting Japanes investment, with only 3,000 such employees in a popula tion three times as big.

Landing the Riobi project vindication of the province Industrial Developmen Board's recent switch of much of its promotional effort to the Pacific Rim countries - as even higger project from Hong Kong is expected to be an nounced soon.

The investment shows, too that Northern Ireland becoming a recognized centre for car component manufac turing. Montupet, the French die-caster, is about to begin production at its aluminium foundry in the forme Delorean plant in Belfast.

Currently employing 5.600 people in the province employment in this sector it Northern Ireland is expected to reach 7,000 over the nex

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Brokers in South Africa, South African and non-South with London advice, have been devising a scheme for the panies on June 11, and will set two investment vehicles to be traded separately. Johannesburg brokers say that the scheme needs financial back-De Beers, which has said ing if it is to proceed. A final decision will be taken today.

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# Shares in Tace rise on buyout proposal

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SHARES in Tace, the environmental products group, rose a further 28p to 189p for a two-day rise of 53p, on confirmation that a management buyout is planned.

Mr Jock Mackenzie, chairman of Tace, has put up for sale his 46 per cent stake in the company, and Tace's managing director, Mr Dick Richardson, and certain of Tace's operating managers in the US may be interested in buying it. They would intend a cash offer and a further announcement is expected.

Shares in Goring Kerr, in which Tace holds 51 per cent, rose by 37p to 255p yesterday, to make a two-day rise of 62p. Mr Mackenzie said that, in the current depressed market, selling Tace's businesses would be best for shareholders, but admitted that criticism at Tace's annual meeting last month of the running of the company was a factor behind the decision to sell.

At the meeting, shareholders complained about directors' pay at a time of falling earnings and criticized corporate entertainment services. Despite the two-day price advance, the shares remain

below their historic peaks of

522p and 625p, respectively.

# R-R trade opens in New York

US TRADING in American Depositary Receipt form started in Rolls-Royce shares in recognition of an increasing foreign shareholding in the aero-engine group, privatized at 170p in May 1987.

Foreign ownership of Rolls-Royce now stands at 18.2 per cent, and could rise to a maximum 29.5 per cent after shareholder approval last September to raise the barrier of 15 per cent.

Identity of overseas owner-ship is world-wide, and Rolls-Royce plans a presentation in Japan, where a percentage of shares is held. There is, however, no intention to seek a stock exchange listing in addition to London and New York. Lord Tombs, the chairman

said 75 per cent of group sales were outside Britain, and the US is a leading market for civil and military engines and general engineering products.

He added: "We look forward to widening our international share register."

The Government retains a "golden share" in Rolls-Royce which prevents any foreign bids for the group. The shares rose from 214p to 2201/2p.

### Amber Day

In Tempus' comment on Am ber Day in yesterday's editions, the price/earnings rating quoted referred to pro forma historic profits, rather than prospective. We apologise for

# Readicut stands still at £18.7m



Still smiling: Readicut's John Gibson (from left), Clive Shaw, Professor Roland Smith and Alan Dodman

the year to March, despite the ber seals. 28 per cent rise notched up in the first half, according to Professor Roland Smith, the chairman (Jeremy Andrews

Readicut's Firth Furnish-

A FALL in car output in cent of the car carpets used by rises 0.22p to 2.81p, bringing Professor Smith said Readicut Britain was the main reason vehicle makers based in the total to 3.44p, a rise of 9 why Readicut's profits were Britain, while other offshoots per cent. Turnover rose 8 per unchanged at £18.7 million in produce seat covers and rub- cent to £231 million.

earnings per share to 6.49p was due to the purchase of by other companies in the Visscher, the Dutch carpet textile sector. He saw this as maker, at the end of 1988, vindication for the the group's Professor Smith said. Never- strategies during the five ings subsidiary supplies 70 per theless, the final dividend years' of his chairmanship.

Professor Smith said Read-The 10 per cent fall in icut's performance was much better than had been achieved

had not been hit hard by the downturn in consumer spending. Although carpets and carpet yarns account for half the business, only a tenth of

group sales go through high street outlets. The bulk ends up in hotels, shops and government buildings, where demand tends to be steadier.

# **Bond loses control of** his brewing interests

From DAVID TWEED SYDNEY

MR ALAN Bond, the Australian businessman, yesterday re-ceived two new blows - the ioss of control of his brewing interests and a setback to his plans to keep control of his media business. Mr Bond's control of Bond

Media - owner of the Australia-wide Nine television network - was thrown into doubt when the federal cabinet endorsed a 20 per cent foreign ownership limit on Australian television and radio networks. The limit undermines Mr

Bond's plans to recapitalize the network and leaves Mr Kerry Packer, who made a now lapsed bid for Bond Media this year, in a prime position to win control of it. A brighter spot for Mr Bond

was the removal of the immediate threat of a wind-up of Bond Brewing Holdings when the company agreed to end a five-month legal battle with a syndicate of banks owed A\$880 million (£400 million).

Under an agreement with the syndicate, led by the Nat-ional Australia Bank, Mr Bond's flagship, Bond Corporation Holdings, is to cut its majority stake in Bell Resources Limited to 25 per cent by March 31 next year in return for bank support of BRL's A\$1.8 billion purchase of Bond's local brewing interests. The move will mark BRL's rebirth as a substantial



the brewery deal goes through as planned by July 31.

Bond Corp, BRL and the banks announced yesterday that they had agreed in broad terms for BRL to buy the breweries with the banks' con-sent. National Australia said that the banks had agreed to drop a wind-up action against Bond Brewing, to extend its A\$880 million credit facility and to finance Bond Brewing's buy-back of USdebentures.

The last step is a critical part of the deal. US debentureholders, however, have yet to fortunate situation."

Bond: political setback to plans for media business company in its own right, if be convinced that they should sell their notes at a discount

and will press ahead on Thursday with an action against Bond Brewing in the Supreme Court of Victoria for repayment of A\$680 million.

Bond Corp's decision to cut its BRL holding, removed the biggest hurdle to the brewery deal, with Bond Corp facing a May 30 deadline for completing the original agreement with BRL. Mr Colin Henson, a BRL director, said the deal with the banks was seen as "the best solution to an un-

# **Economists doubt** if French trade deficit will better

Paris
A WORSE than expected
Fr4.31 billion (£453 million) French trade deficit for April has put a first quarter 1990 improvement into perspective and left economists doubting a better showing over the full

"We are not at the stage where we will get a spectacular improvement, but we will see the trade picture getting by the end of 1990, with the slightly better," said M Eric current account gap rising to Taze-Bernard, of Banque Fr24 billion from 1989 Indosuez. He forecast a Fr40 billion deficit in 1990 after There was no official company of the picture of the pic Fr44.34 billion in 1989.

But some other economists felt that was optimistic, and all threw doubt on the accuracy of the seasonal corrections. "The figures fluctuate from month to month . . . I'm quite

sceptical about the improvement," said M Eric Bleuze, an economist with Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations. "We're seeing the effects of

an improvement in prices and of statistical quirks . . . Lower (import) prices because of the rise in the franc are okay short term, but later on compet-itiveness will be hit." He forecast a 1990 deficit of Fr45

M Bleuze saw a deficit of that size as a probler or the government and a handicap for the French economy.

context of France's overall balance of payments.

"The balance of payments represents 0.4 per cent of gross domestic product, so (the trade deficit) is not the constraint it might be," said Mile Françoise Milewski, of th OFCE research institute.

She forecast a widening the trade deficit to Fr48 billie

ment on the trade deficit day from the Finance Ministr though a source said the go ernment was sticking to forecast of a smaller deficit i 1990. Its latest forecast, mad in April, is for the deficit narrow to Fr542.1 billion.

This month, INSEE, th national statistics office, for cast a first half 1990 deficit of between Fr10 billion and Fr1 billion, and pointed out the this would be a sharp impre vement on the Fr28.50 billio in the second half of 1989.

There will also be a slow down in delivery of Airbuse due to the effects of th lengthy strike at British Aero space which supplies parts fo assembly in France. The sai of six Airbus planes in Apr was worth Fri.39 billion But other economists saw exports, down from Fr2.4 the trade gap as a relatively billion in March. (Reute (Reuter) (Ic)\* Local currency

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WALL STREET

# Dow takes early 17-point lead

SHARES raced ahead in early trading adding to Monday's strong gains, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 20 points to 2,864 in the first seven minutes of trading, but slipped back to 17.04 ahead at 2,861.72 by mid-morning. Advancing issues led declining shares by a large margin.

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Analysts had expected the market to open firmer after the 24-point rise on Monday, which was helped by a firm bond market and strong world stock markets.

◆ Tekyo — Shares rebounded after three sessions of losses largely due to the recovery of the yen against the dollar. The Nikkei index, which lost 248.67 points on Monday, rose 173.25 to close at 31,938.30. • Hong Kong - The Hang

Seng index climbed 40.04 points to 2,970.87 as investors were heartened by a statement by the Chinese authorities about last year's political turmoil. Reports from Peking quoted Mr Deng Xiaoping as saying the authorities were at least partly to blame for the troubles. The market interpreted this as a good omen, a local broker said.

 Singapore — Shares closed broadly higher after Monday's gains on Wall Street and the rebound in Tokyo. The Straits Times industrial index rose for the third consecutive day, climbing 7.60 points to 1,578.59.

• Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index closed the session 7.4 points higher at 1,465.4. • Frankfurt - The 30-share

Dax index rose 2.08 points to (Reuter)

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STOCK MARKET

# Index climbs back above 2,300

ments and the appearance of a few overseas buyers sent share prices surging back above the 2,300 mark to close at their best levels since February 17.

Market-makers went on the defensive and marked prices sharply higher, with many of them struggling to keep level positions in the hope of keeping out of trouble. But this only helped to fuel some of the wild fluctuations reported by dealers.

Turnover improved to 629.7 million shares traded, but this was not enough to justify the market's latest

Prices closed below their best levels of the session before today's trade figures. After being almost 51 points up at one stage, the FT-SE 100 index closed 29.2 higher at 2,311.3. The FT Index of 30 shares rose 18.7 to 1,829.5.

taking the view that the recent rally has some way to run after further consideration of Monday's money supply figures.

The pound again drew strength from talk of im-minent entry into the European exchange rate mechanism, and this boosted government securities, which closed with gains of an £1/4, after being £1/2 up at one stage.

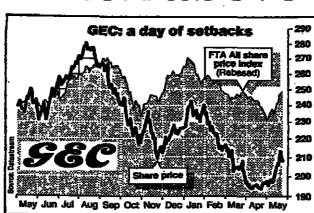
government had cancelled a £400 million contract for 12 Tornado fighters prompted an early markdown of British Aerospace, a partner in the European project. However, it closed 3p better at 525p. But GEC fell 4p to 208p on a day when it seemed to be coming under attack from all sides.

Taking a year-long view, County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, believes the shares should be sold. It is sticking with its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year of £885 million, but is worried by the prospect of further cuts in defence spending. Defence accounts for about 30 per cent of GEC's sales.

The broker is worried there may also be problems with GPT. Mr Patrick Wellington, an analyst at County, said Siemens, its West German partner, met analysts on Monday and expressed disappoint-ment with GPT's perform-On the futures market, the ment with GPT's perform-FT-SE 100 series continued to ance. British Telecom is trade at a healthy premium to cutting back on spending and the cash market. Traders are is starting to concentate on areas of the industry in which GEC is not involved.

Rells-Royce, the aero-engine group, continued to scale new heights, rising 6p to 220p after the group won approval for an American Depository Receipt facility for its shares. It is hoped this will attract US investors to the shares.

Wellcome shares rose 2p to 6884p, below their best levels Reports that the Malaysian of the day despite the latest



prescription figures showing Glaxo advanced 14p to 826p, sales of Retrovir, the group's anti-Aids drug, soaring 109 per cent during April — the first full month since its with dealers hoping for good news from next week's annual research and development presentation in London. Deal-

extended approval. Pre- ers are also expecting US

CRT Group returned from suspension after raising £11.5 million by way of a seven-for-nine rights issue at 60p to help finance the acquisition of Link Organisation. The ordinary shares opened at the ex-rights price of 67p and closed at 74p, while the nil-paid ended the day with a 14p premium.

viously, Retrovir had only approval for Zofran, its antibeen on offer to patients in the vomiting drug. latter stages of the disease.

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owned subsidiary, for £307.5 million. The deal will eventually increase PPI's Sansui holding to 70 per cent.

PPI is also floating its Vestel subsidiary on the Turkish stock exchange in a deal valuing the business at £465

million. It is placing 15 per cent of the shares to raise £70 million, which will be used to reduce

British Airways shares failed to respond to full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £268 million to £345 million. They fell 3p to 210p.

Tace, the mechanical enneering group, climbed 21p to 182p in the wake of Monday's news that the company was looking for a buyer. A management buyout is being put together.

Thames Water rose 3½p to 146%p after agreeing an annual pay award of 9.5 per cent with its manual and craft workers. The group is con-ducting a review of manning levels and has refused to cut the working week. Anglian rose 3p to 160p, Northum-brian 3p to 178p, North West 4p to 161p, Severn Trent 3p to 143p, Southern 7p to 139p, South West 2p to 169p, Welsh 2p to 176p, and Wessex 1p to 156p. Yorkshire fell lp to 171p. The water package leapt

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£35 to £1,560.

# The risks in fixed-rate mortgages

FIXED rate mortgages are making a comeback, and are beginning to indicate that mortgage rates could soon be on their way down.
Family Money will look at what the risks are and

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whether traditional mortgages are likely to be better value. Also under scrutiny are company pension schemes, and the high cost of paying off a loan from a high street store

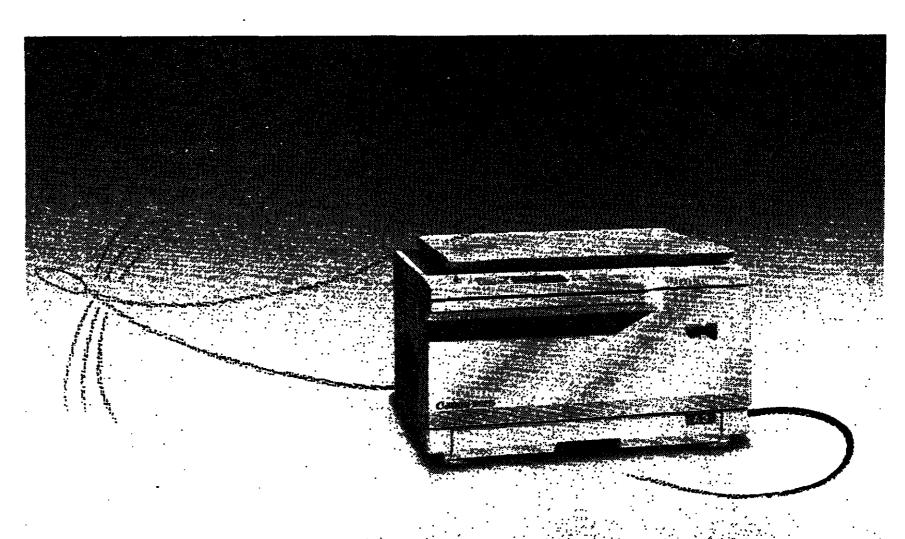
And the Inland Revenue is lliowing more people to have free lunches without any tax consequences. Full reports will be included on Saturday.



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# Strong gains

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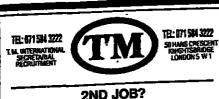
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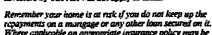


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particularly in the south, are virtually at a standstill But companies which include Button Homes, Taylor Woodrow and McInerney, believe there is a segment of the UK market which will invest in Spain, provided the traice is right price is right.

Buxton Homes is building its first overseas project, Gulf Royal, through its Spanish subsidiary Buxton España SA, alongside the 18-hole golf course at Pals on the Costa Brava. There will be 45 apartments on the two-acre site and the first phase of 19 are ready for occupation. The show flat is open and the rest are due for phased completion during the next two years.

The Costa Brava is gaining in popularity, not least because the Olympic torch is due to land at Ampurias, a Greco-Roman settlement just north of the fishing village of La Escala, to herald the start of the 1992 Olympic Games.

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market will invest in Spain, provided the price is right, reports

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Taylor Woodrow International embarked on its first Spanish project two years ago after the successful completion in Gibraltar of its Cornwall Centre, a mix of commercial and residential units. Los Castillos is situated on the edge of the Duquesa goif course on the Costa del Sol, some 20 miles from Gibraltar.

Taylor Woodrow's aim is to build houses for eventual permanent living. To this end, the apartments, of which there are 48 completed in the first phase and a further 42 under construction, are spacious and well finished, with air-conditioning, central heating, marble flooring and carpets in the bedroom. Puerto de la Duquesa has a leisure marina, shops and restaurants overlooking the Duquesa golf course.

David Maddams, managing director of Taylor Woodrow España, says: "We have 13 twobedroom apartments still for sale in our first phase at prices ranging from £105,000 to £133,000, and our second phase will be com-pleted during this autumn when golf course front-line three-bed-room houses will cost from £230,000. The clubhouse has a range of facilities, including four squash courts, two swimming pools, a gym, saunas and res-taurants. We have two pools at Los Castillos.



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Artist's impression: Los Castillos development at Duquesa

reputable firms, and in Europe these include Barratt, Wimpey and McInerney, can be a good compromise between whole own-ership and annual rental schemes. McInerney pic, one of the UK's leading housebuilders, has sold out its first Four Seasons dev-elopment in Portugal's Algarve and is now investing in southern Spain. Two years ago McInerney bought 27 two and three-bedroom apartments and land with building permission to construct a further 56 units at Las Golondrinas, adjacent to the Don Carlos Hotel, eight miles east of Marbella.

The company has totally up-dated and furnished the 27 apartments, most of which are now sold. It is selling the remainder as timeshare in perpetuity in blocks of two or four weeks. These are being sold in four time bands with purchasers at liberty to book dates of their choosing up to 11 months in advance rather than acquiring fixed weeks. Prices range from £7,800 for two weeks in November or February in a two-bedroom unit, to £17,500 for a high-season fortnight in a three-bedroom apartment.

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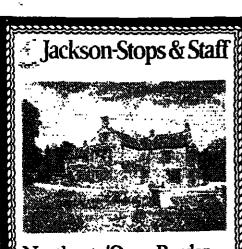
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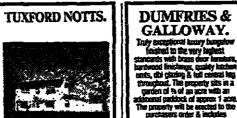
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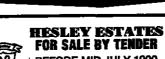
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A CALL for property investors to build up their property portfolios, despite present difficulties, comes from Legal & General Property, part of the Legal & General Group. "Property yields," the company says, "are at their highest level since 1975 and there are

attractive deals around." "Canny" investors, says Legal & General, can build their portfolios ahead of the next upward movement in the cycle. "This will be property's most painful year," the company adds. "Once past, the economy's underlying strength and continuing foreign investment interest will ensure property continues to show returns in

double figures."
Richard Jessop, development director, suggests that well-located industrial sites will be in favour during the early part of the decade, but demand will fall later because of the UK's ever-shrinking industrial base. "Leisure developments

will boom," he says.

The UK will remain the springboard for foreign property invest-ment in Europe, he says. British developers need to start the search for overseas partners or risk missing out on the big European property schemes which will dominate the decade.

● Jones Lang Wootton reports that property sectors have shown a negative capital growth over the quarter. In the industrial sector, however, a marginal increase of 0.6 per cent has occurred.

# A green future at the office

A new survey highlights growing concerns by

tenants about energy

nergy efficiency and buildings that are "environmentally friendly" will become more important in the

next few years, the property consultants Healey & Baker predict in a report on office design and use.

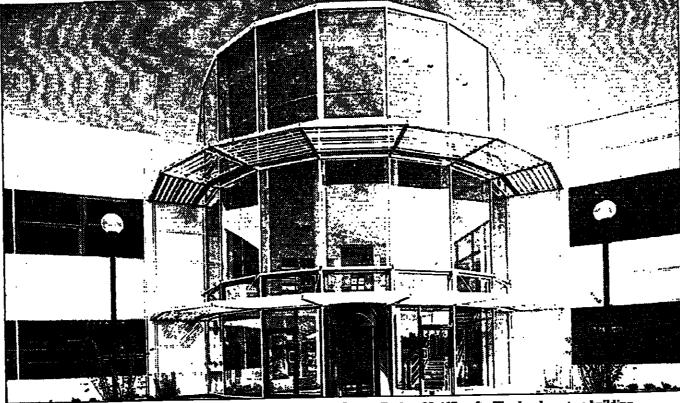
The firm's National Office and Business Survey, the result of interviews with 245 office tenants in all regions of Britain, shows also that 41 per cent of office tenants would be prepared to pay more rent for a better designed building, and 46 per cent

would prefer their own bespoke building. Angus McIntosh, head of research at Healey & Baker, believes companies will have to decide on expansion plans at an earlier stage in order to become involved in design. He says: "Tenants' ambitions for better design are only likely to be met if they are able to commit their expansion programmes at an earlier date and thus participate in the round of design meetings,

having agreed to take a pre-let."

The survey highlights changes that have occurred in the market since the last survey in 1985-86, most significantly illustrated by a new generation of office buildings located away from city centres. A thriving suburban market has been created by a combination of high city-centre rents and rates, rising levels of car ownership and

Seventy-two per cent of firms moved premises in order to expand, but "company image", shortage of suitable alternative buildings, the quality of the working environment and a shortage of car parking are also important reasons.



Energy-efficient: the Power House in Milton Keynes's Energy Park, a 23,467 sq ft office headquarters building

Healey & Baker says tenants are placing greater emphasis on being accessible to markets and having good communications when choosing a new location. In the future, however, demographic changes will put staff availability high on the list. Mr McIntosh comments: "In the next couple of years, we expect also to see tenants becoming increasingly concerned by cost, including rent, maintenance and

The survey showed, surprisingly, that on average the quality of daylight is lower in new buildings than in those built before 1975, although it appears to be improving again in offices built since 1984. More than half of premises did not have good trunking facilities for video display units. Three-quarters of tenants were not satisfied with the internal environmental control of their

premises. Concern over the greenhouse effect will

mean more emphasis on environmentally friendly materials. The Power House in the Energy Park at Milton Keynes is designed to save occupiers up to 50 per cent on running costs. The £5 million building has been developed by Encrgy Park Developments, which is owned by London & Edinburgh Trust and Bride Hall Developments. The building is available in suites from 4.320 sq ft through Savills, Connell Wilson and Chesterton.

IN THE MARKET

Probably the biggest building to be completed in Mayfair within the next 12 months — Imry Merchant Developers and Speyhawk Mount Row's 57,200 sq ft development at 20 North Audiey Street, London W1—has been topped out.

Behind the retained façade, the building will provide air-conditioned offices on five floors. The joint agents, Jones Lang Wootton, Healey & Baker and Sinclair Goldsmith, will be seeking a rental around £60 a sq ft.

The scheme, designed by architects Rolfe Judd, is due for completion next year.

Piccadilly Securities, one of Britain's leaders in the acquisition and development of prime commercial land in the Pas de Calais and northern periphery of Paris, has acquired a hotel site at Roissy, on the perimeter road of Charles de Gaulle airport.

The 2.5-acre site has planning consent for a 2/3 star hotel of 156 bedrooms.

In addition to the Roissy site, the firm has bought a two-acre site close to EuroDisney for a similar-sized hotel project.

■ Camden Borough Council Is asking for bids from developers for a 100,000 sq ft landmark office development to include the council's Grade It listed Holborn Town Hell

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# Chen's inspiration pushes England to the semi-final stage

ENGLAND reached the semi-finals of the World Team Cup by gaining a exciting 3-1 victory over the host country, Japan, that lasted fully three hours here yesterday.

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The architect was Chen Xianhua, who bravely and brilliantly snatched two narrow victories in his singles matches just when it seemed his physical resources were ebbing on a flood tide.

To do that, Chen not only had to work out how to defeat two opponents of different styles playing to the limits of nese international saved six their abilities in front of 4,000 game points and came back to supporters; he also had to cope with the lack of match fitness that threatened to undermine him after three years away from the top competition.

RESULTS FROM OSAKA

Michi: Ossarian-dinafe: Chine bt South Korse 3-0 (Chinese names first): Chen Lungcan bt Yoo Nam-loyu, 21-13, 19-21, 21-15; Chen Zhibin bt Kim Tesk-200, 18-21, 21-19, 21-15; Chen and Ma Wange bt Kim and Park Ji-hyun, 21-12, 22-20. England bt Japan 3-1 (English names first): Chen Xinhus bt K Matsushitz, 21-19, 17-21, 21-17; A Cooke lost to Seiji Ono, 21-17, 19-21, 6-21; Chen bt Ono, 21-17, 23-21; Cooke and D Douglas bt Matsushitz and T Yamasmoto, 24-22, 17-21, 21-17.

BOWLS

Welsh ringing

the changes

NONE of last year's five Welsh rinks will remain unchanged

when the teams enter the Principality's final international

trial at Barry on June 3 (David Rhys Jones writes). The re-

sbuffle follows the expansion of

the home international series from five rinks to six, and the

existing rinks have been plun-dered in an attempt to find a

dered in an attempt to find a satisfactory sixth rink.

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were also heroes. They won a vital doubles against against the painstaking defender, Coji Matsushita, he lost a five-point final game lead, trailed 14-15, and then Matsushita and Yamamoto, a pair who chopped and floated hacked and harried the ball snatched it back with a spate of forehand-topspin attacks to win 21-19, 17-21, 21-17. maddeningly back from every centimetre of the arena. It was a triumph of character, as well as of top-spinning skills, for In the match-clincher, Douglas and Cooke to win 24-22, 17-21, 21-17.

In the opening encounter,

against the former world champion, Seiji Ono, a ferocious service and smash specialist, Chen was 15-20 down in the second game, with One service Votation with Ono serving. Yet the Yorkshire-based former Chinese international saved six win 21-17, 23-21. Relief and the England team.

Two of them, Desmond Douglas and Alan Cooke,

(Chinese names first: Clao Hong bt R Sato, 21-19, 21-15; Deng Yaping bt M Hoshino, 18-21, 21-14, 21-15; Deng and Chen Zine bt Sato and M Kitsularus, 21-12, 21-12. North Kores in South Kores 3-0 (North Kores names first): Yu Sun-bok bt Hyun Jung-Inve, 21-17, 7-21, 21-19; Li Bun-Inui bt Hong Cha-ok, 19-21, 21-12, 21-5; Yu sard U Nik-suk bt Hong and Hong Soon-Inve, 15-21, 21-13, 21-17. Finat: China bt North Kores 3-0 (Chinse names first): Chen Zihe bt Yu Sun-bok, 21-19, 23-21; Deng Yaping bt U Bun-Inui, 24-22, 21-9; Deng and Olao Hong bt Yu and U Mesuik, 21-18, 21-18.

# SCHOOLS CRICKET

# Snow's late fall leaves Taunton high and dry

By George Chesterton

THERE can have been no more tense a match this week than the one at Blundell's against Tamber. When the last over started, ton. When the last over started, Taumton needed three runs to pass the home side's total of 229 for nine, with two wickets in

There was a suicidal run-out off the third ball, but this gave Snow, on 37, the strike. He played and missed at the fourth ball, struck two off the next, and was yorked off the last, leaving the match tied.

The Blundell's score had been built around an innings of 83 from Hunt, their captain.

Marlborough recovered from 59 for four against Winchester thanks largely to Harvey, whose 109 made a declaration possible

on the road to an eight-wicket

Earlier, Cooke had led Ono by a game and 18-17 before

being suddenly submerged in a bewildering blitzkrieg of flat-batted chopsticks-grip attack. Had Chen not made his

breathtaking, crowd-silencing

late recovery, there was every possibility of England sliding to defeat. Their reward is a

semi-final with Sweden, the

The other semi-final will be

between North Korea and

China, the second favourites

who yesterday beat South

Korea 3-0 in a match far more

tightly contested than the

The crucial encounter saw the Chinese No. 1, Chen Longcan, squeeze home 21-18 in the final game against the Olympic champion, Yoo Nam

tournament favourites.

also had an eight-wicket win The home team declared at 228 for seven, but could not check an aggressive opening partner-ship of 120 by Bulgin and Woods. Crisp, with 58 not out, and Garner, unbeaten on 52, finished off the good work.

Solibuli declared at 220 for nine against King's, Worcester, of which Ingles had made 120. The target was a stiff one; King's kept going until the fall of the ninth wicket when, with two overs left, they played out time.

# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY MAY 23 1990 Sailing in the wake of the Vikings in the Islands Peaks Race

# A battle of man against nature

By ANDY MARTIN

THE line-up for the Bruichladdich Islands Peaks Race, combining sailing with mountain running, looked like a microcosm of the world. There were all sorts, from the unemployed to the idle rich, from long, sleek vessels to short, stubby ones, and from Everest marathon winners to potential cardiac cases.

Yet it was as good rooting for the overweight underdogs. As is the way with the world, high income and high technology crossed the finishing line first, in the shape of the stateof-the-art trimaran, Severalles Challenge, and microchip mil-lionaire, Dick Skipton, and his

Nevertheless, this is one of those rare events of which it is true to say that everyone who finished, or even started — for there were many who did not make it - was a winner.

The victor completed the course in two days, four hours and 45 minutes; the Isles, enjoying the flavour of eternity. The saga began in Oban, in the shadow of McCaig's Folly, a granite coli-seum in the hills. But this race was less a gladiatorial contest of man against man, than a battle of man against nature. On the whole, nature won.

There was a festive, holiday atmosphere as, before hundreds of locals and tourists lining the dock, 51 pairs of runners, fresh from a five-mile sprint, dived into dinghies and rowed for their ships.

An armada of yachts, their multi-coloured sails billowing psychedelically, jockeyed for position in the bay. Scottish Power, one of the smallest and cheapest boats in the race, was first out of the harbour, raising the hopes of the sentimental faction.

However, while others took to their oars or, in the case of almost non-existent wind, bound starship, it was the first of socks."

Caim before the storm: the yachts leave Oban on the first leg of the marathen race around the Western Isles As the clusive wind contin- and leg-swallowing bog at the to beam its runners ashore on

wrote 1984.

It must have been demor-

Ben More, snow-capped weekend was Force Eight, skippered by Captain John and mist-enshrouded, one of the so-called Munros that rise Mcliroy. This was the press to over 3,000ft, presented the first of many challenges. use an engine.

There is only one thing worse than running up a mountain with a 10lb survival pack on your back, and that is running down again. I know: I the way to the bleak and tried it for myself. I ran for forbidding shores of Jura, what seemed like miles, stumbling over ankle-wrenching craters, and when I finally looked up, I was just as far from the peak as ever. It was like running on a treadmill.

After I emerged dripping from a treacherous river, the Fast Buck, resorted to an chief marshal, Jim Darby, ingenious bicycle-and-paddle said: "You wanted to try fell contraption to supplement the running - and you fell." The experience brought home to Severalles Challenge, all white me the truth of his observaand gleaming, mystically tion that "the most important glided by. Looking like a seathing in the world is a dry pair

ued to tantalize and tease, the bottom. The Three Paps are the Room 101 of sport. fastest boat in the water all

After taking the helm around the choppy waters of the Mull of Kintyre, Cape boat, the only one allowed to Horn no longer holds any terrors for me. Thinking of the myriad tidal traps on route, the sub-

alizing for the contestants as we ran rings around them on merged reefs (that even Severalles Challenge ran around on in Jura), and, worst slicing through the maelstrom of all, the threat of being becalmed, Captain McIlroy's of Corryvreckan, in sight of Barnhill, the isolated farmassessment of life on the ocean house where George Orwell wave summed up the sailors' ordeal: "It's a hard, hard life, the sea, full of dangers and privations."

On this craggy island, occu-pied by only 200 souls, you could understand why his Goat Fell, on Arran, is an emerald volcano, a mere alternative title for the book was "The Last Man in 2.766ft high: but it must have

eemed like K2 to the runners The runners, having had to on the last of their three join in rowing most of the marathon efforts. The fastest way, set off to conquer the Three Paps, steep and hazard-ous, all flakey scree at the top Bens, and my incredulous 47sec, the title of King of the

admiration. Maitland and Alan Farningham, who were on board Scottish Power.

The race is modelled on the operations of the old Viking longships, racing up the lochs, dropping off a raiding party, picking them up again and heading off to another island.

In this case, the most you can carry off in the way of spoils is a cup, a bottle of 10year-old malt, and a determination to come back and do it all over again next year. One mystery remains: Why do they do it? Captain McIlroy had the

answer. "Our society puts you in a cocoon. It takes all the risk out of life. All you're left with is skimmed milk instead of cream." The race. which is beginning to spawn imitations in Tasmania, running time of 9hr 35min Alaska and Japan, is the best possible way of putting the

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# Court of Appeal

# Sufficient evidence of perjury

Regina v Peach -Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Jowitt Dudgment May 151

A metal-detecting enthusiast, who used his equipment to find two first century BC Celtic tween £15.000 and £25.000. failed in an appeal against conviction for perjury at a coroner's inquest to determine

At the inquest in September 1985 he stated that the items found under attic floorboards at his brother's property. the Old Crown at Finchan Norfolk, In June 1987, at a meeting between himself and two archaeologists, he said that he wished to come clean or to set the record staight and that he had found the items at Church Farm, Bawdsey, Suffolk.

Geoffrey Tom Peach, aged 36, a production line assistant, of Styleman Way. Snettisham, Norfolk, was convicted of per-jury, contrary to section 1 of the Perjury Act 1911, and of theft after an eight-day trial in June 1989 at Norwich Crown Court before Judge Blofeld, QC and a jury on a majority verdict of 11 to 1. He was sentenced to concurrent terms on each count of 15 months imprisonment, nine months to be served

immediately and the remainder to be suspended for two years.

Relief from forfeiture of hire-purchase goods

TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the more important of Mr Scholz's submissions was that it was not sufficient to satisfy section 13 to show that the defendant had, on one occasion, stated that which was contradictory to his sworn evidence even though it was an admission of the falsity of what he had stated on oath and even though two witnesses spoke to having heard that admission.

None involved the same situation as faced their Lordships. None stated a general principle which guided their Lordships in their deliberations.

October.

Section 13 of the Perjusy Act 1911 provides: "A person shall not be liable to be convicted of ... perjury ... solely on the evidence of one witness as to the falsity of any statement alleged

.Mr Karl H. Scholz, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr John M. H. Farmer for the

The cases decided before the 1911 Act to which Mr Scholz had drawn attention were not found by their Lordships to be of great assistance because each concerned the particular facts of the case before the relevant

((1858) Dears & B 606, 616) by

Mr Justice Byles set out that judge's view of the reasons for the rule of common law, which was similar to that now en-shrined in the 1911 Act: "The rule of law requiring two witnesses to prove an assignment of perjury reposes on two reasons; first, that it would often be dangerous and always un-satisfactory to convict the defendant when there is but the oath of one man against the oath of another, secondly, that in all The LORD CHIEF JUSjudicial proceedings all witnesss, even the most honest, would be constantly exposed to the peril, annoyance and oppression of indictments for perjury if the single cath of another man,

> dence, might, in point of law, suffice to convict." A dictum of Mr Justice Avory in R v Threlfall ((1914) 10 Cr App R 110, 114), the only post-1911 case cited, did not take the matter any further forward.

It seemed to their Lordships two separate problems to be solved in the circumstances: (i) Was there evidence of falsity?
(ii) If so was the further requirement of section 13 satisfied?

without any confirmatory evi-

Despite Mr Scholz's arguments, their Lordships had no hesitation in saying that evi-dence to the effect that the defendant had confessed that his

Apart from any other reason,

if that was not so, then in the majority of cases where the only person who knew that the sworm statement was untrue was the defendant himself, he could never be convicted however often he asserted its untruthfulness.

Was section 13 satisfied if two witnesses testified to having heard the defendant admit the falsity, albeit on the same occasion?

One read the Act and asked whether in those circumstances the jury was being asked to convict of perjury solely on the evidence of one witness as to the falsity of the statement alleged to be false. The answer seemed to their Lordships to be cer-tainly not. The evidence was evidence of the falsity and there were two witnesses testifying to

violence to the reason given by Mr Justice Byles in Hook, and it gave the words of the Act the only meaning which, in their Lordships' view, they could be said to bear.

The Act's plain words also had the advantage of resolving the not inconsiderable conflict Mr Scholz's arguments failed and the appeal against convic-tion of perjury failed.

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Parker and Sir George

between a tax inspector and a taxpayer under section 54 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 that settled the amounts demanded under Schedule D assessments in respect of the taxpayer's profits of prostitution was binding on her and could not be challenged in collection

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Marion Aken, from the order of Mr Piers Ashworth, QC, (The Times December 15, 1987; [1988] STC 69) sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Beach Division, giving sum-mary judgment in proceedings under Order 14 of the Rules of Crown in a sum exceeding £58,000. The taxpayer was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

substantial income which came to the attention of the Revenue

Schedule D assessments were the taxpayer's accountant as to the amount payable pursuant to section 54 of the 1970 Act.

the taxpayer to recover it. A master refused to enter final judgment but on appeal by the Revenue the deputy judge made

Section 54 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 provides: "(1) ... where a person gives notice of appeal and, before the appeal is determined by the commissioners, the inspector... and the appellant come to an agreement, whether in writing or otherwise, that the assessment or decision under appeal should be treated . . as varied in a particular manner

ensue for all purposes as would have ensued if, at the time when ioners had determined the appeal. ..".

Mr Ian MacDonald, QC and Mr Richard Scannell for the taxpayer, Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC, for the Crown.

# Prostitute bound by tax agreement collection proceedings to raise

Crown sought to recover. The Crown argued that the taxpayer was not entitled in collection proceedings to raise the question of the validity of the assessments. Thus on the first issue the question concerned the effect of a section 54 agreement, disregarding the fact that the receipts were derived from prostitution.

It was hard to believe that Parliament had not intended so far as was practical that an agreement not to proceed with an appeal would not have the full force of a determination by special or general commis-sioners. Section 54 did not make sense on any other basis.

The significant consequence was that for the purposes of the instant proceedings the provisions of section 46(2) of the Act, whereby a determination of commissioners was to be "final and conclusive", applied. No hardship to the taxpayer

was thereby incurred; she had chosen to enter into the section 54 agreement and had not availed herself of the 30-day resiling provision in section

The agreement was, on any view, a binding agreement for

The taxpayer argued that the inspector had acted ultra vires, the defence that the profits of prostitution were not chargeable

to tax and, second, if she was so entitled that that was a good having never been entitled to make the assessments. But it was not open to her in the It was common ground that instant proceedings to raise that contention. If it was to be raised the inspector and the taxpayer it should have been argued on an appeal against the assesshad agreed the amounts that the

In proceedings such as the present it was only very exceptionally open to a taxpayer to bring a challenge; and then by way of judicial review. There might (see R v IRC, Ex parte Preston ([1985] AC 835)) have been some abuse or excess of power by the Revenue to justify

tervention by the courts. But that was only in wholly exceptional cases. Normally the statutory machinery in the 1970 Act was the only available machinery to challenge an assessment. There was nothing in the present case that came near to any impropriety by the Revenue justifying a departure from the normal appeal

procedure. Further, it was a tax inspector's function to form a view of whether certain receipts were within the charge to tax. That view might be the wrong one. But that did not mean he was acting ultra vires when he raised

The taxpaver's argument had confused her ultimate liability to tax with the inspector's power to issue the assessments. Questions of liability were often

view was eventualy found to be wrong. It was the function of the commissioners to decide rectly made.

Taxpayers were adequately protected against being wrongly assessed. The statutory machinery allowed them three appeals ithout obtaining leave and a fourth with leave.

To hold that the taxpayer was not entitled now to raise the question of validity of the assessments was sufficient to dispose of her appeal. However, the judge had dealt with the issue of whether the taxpayer's earnings from prostitution were taxable and the court would also deal with that matter.

Were those the earnings of a trade? They were. The activities of the taxpayer were the pro-vision of services for reward within the Schedule D charge.

Prostitution was not itself illegal under English law. Thus it was not necessary for the court to conclude whether profits from an illegal trade were chargeable. The taxpayer had admitted being a prostitute and there was no evidence that her earnings were from an illegal trade.

Her appeal failed on all points and should be dismis Lord Justice Parker gave a concurring judgment and Sir George Waller agreed. Solicitors: Bond & Partners, Upper Holloway; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

# Judge free to comment on all the evidence in his summing up

Regina v Evans (David) Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Jowitt [Judgment May 15]

In directing a jury a judge was not confined to the arguments propounded by the prosecution on the one hand or the defence on the other. Providing that the matters with which the judge dealt were given in evider was open to him to comment on

The Lord Chief Justice so stated when giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal, refusing a non-counsel application for leave to appeal against convic-tion by David John Evans, aged 32, a casual tractor driver, who was convicted at Chester Crown Court before Mr Justice Roch and a jury, of murder of Anne Humphries, a schoolgirl aged 15 on her way home in Penley, near Wrexham. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation that he serve not less

than 30 years. The applicant was not present or represented. The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the first ground of

direction in law by the judge to which were propounded by the the jury, failed.
The second ground of appeal was directed to points made by the judge in his comments on the evidence; points, it was true, which had not been taken by the

In particular the judge drew attention to discrepancies which existed between the account the applicant gave to the police and the evidence of independent witnesses who had observed the progress of his motor car and had given evidence of his movements on the relevant afternoon.

prosecution and had not been

dealt with by the defence.

The complaint was that the prosecution were relying on the police interviews and what the applicant had said to the police as being substantially true. whereas the judge, in his re-marks, was suggesting by inference to the jury that a good deal of what the applicant had said to the police was of questionable veracity.

Their Lordships could see no reason why the judge should not invite the jury's attention to such discrepancies. The judge, in directing the jury, was not that the two issues were whether appeal, which alleged a mis- confined to the arguments

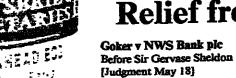
prosecution on the one hand or the defence on the other. Providing the matters with which the judge dealt were matters which had been given in evidence, it was open to him to comment upon them.

It scarcely needed explanation but, if explanation was required. it was that the jury had heard all the evidence. They would come to their conclusions upon the to their conclusions upon the facts, whether the prosecution had mentioned or highlighted those facts, or whether the defence had done so.

Consequently, there was no reason at all that their Lordships' court could see why m those circumstances the judge should not make such com-ments as he thought fit to the jury, having warned them, as the judge had, that any comments that he made with which they did not agree they should dis-

regard entirely.
He was not introducing anything fresh or anything which came as a surprise to either the prosecution or the defence. Neither ground of appeal

found favour with their Lordships and the application for leave to appeal against convic-



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Although the court had a general jurisdiction, extending beyond the statutory provisions, to provide relief from forfeiture to protect the hirer of chattels, it was unlikely to be used save in exceptional cases where the court was satisfied that no significant prejudice would reilt to the lender from the grant

Sir Gervase Sheldon, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held granting an application by the defendant finance company, NWS Bank plc, to discharge an injunction granted by Mr Justice McKinnon on March 22, 1990 to the plaintiff, Mr Ali Goker, restraining the defendants from selling or otherwise disposing of a car which he was purchasing under a hire-purchase

Mr William Poulton and Miss Claire Staddon for the plaintiffs, Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC and Mr Michael Lazarus for the

SIR GERVASE SHELDON said that in February 1989 Mr Goker had agreed with Alan Day Ltd. a firm of motor dealers, to purchase a Mercedes Benz 500 SL W-107 convertible motor car for £45,091.59 and had paid a deposit of £10,000.

the defendants in monthly payments over 34 months from
June 1989 after which the
plaintiff would have an option to purchase the car.

The defendant had from the

art been highly remiss in meeting his obligations under the hire purchase agreement. The defendants had retaken possession of the car on March 15, 1990 with unpaid instalments of £5,168.79 outstanding. On March 22, Mr Justice McKinnon granted the plaintiff an injunction restraining the plaintiff from "selling, charging, offering for sale, parting with possession of or otherwise deal-

injunction was granted on an undertaking that the outstanding balance would be paid into court within seven days. That undertaking had not been carried out. But the matter had meanwhile come into court again for a full hearing of the defendants' application for dis-charge of the injunction.

ing with or disposing in any manner of the vehicle. The

Sir Godfray Le Quesne had conceded that as a matter of law the court had jurisdiction to grant relief from the forfeiture of proprietary or possessory rights. He submitted that the jurisdiction should be exercised only in exceptional circumstances. Mr Poulton submitted that the principle should be applied much more liberally.

The principle had been stated £10,000 if in addition to retain by Lord Greene, Master of the ing the sums already paid and Rolls, in *Chandless-Chandless v* payable to them by the plaintiff *Nicholson* ([1942] 2 KB 321): they were able to dispose of the "The court in exercising its jurisdiction to grant relief in cases of non-payment of rent is, of course, proceeding on the old principles of the court of equity which always regarded the condition of re-entry as being merely security for payment of the rent and gave relief if the landlord could get his rent."

However, in Barron Thompson & Co Ltd v Stapling Ma-chines Co ([1966] 1 Ch 499) Mr Justice Pennycuick had adopted a cautious approach, saying that readiness to pay arrears within a time specified by the court was in law a necessary condition of the tenant's claim for relief. Sir Godfray had conceded that the court had a general jurisdiction in such cases to grant relief forfeiture — a juris-diction which extended beyond

existed for the hirer's protec-On the other hand, his Lordship expected it was a jurisdic-tion which was unlikely to be used save in exceptional cases in which the court was satisfied that no significant prejudice would result to the lender from the grant of relief.

In the present case if relief

were not granted the defendants

they were able to dispose of the vehicle and keep the proceeds. Sir Godfray had submitted that where a hirer had shown himself to be a defaulter, to oblige the owner of the goods to forgo his contractual rights and to return the goods to the hirer would be to oblige the owner to accept a risk greater than that contemplated with the contract was made. It was a submission which, in his Lordship's judgment, had considerable force. That was a

appropriate to grant the plaintiff the relief for which he had The plaintiff's conduct had been particularly remiss. In another case, maybe, a hirer's failure to pay one or more instalments might be less seri-ous and more easily excused and explained and one which did not cast doubts on his readiness and ability to maintain payments in he future.

Nevertheless, where such doubts did exist, as in this particular instance, his Lordship

case in which it would not be

would be faced by an obstacle he would not easily be able to Solicitors: Virdi & Co, Wandsworth; Rowe & Maw for stood to make an unexpected Wandsworth; Rowe & Maw windfall of not less than about Aaron & Partners, Chester.

apprehended that a hirer who

sought relief from forfeiture

[Judgment May 18] An agreement properly reached

proceedings.

the Supreme Court for the

The taxpayer was for many years a prostitute, calling herself Lindi St Clair. She had a

raised on her for the years from 1973-74 to 1980-81 in respect of "profits of prostitution". In 1981 agreement was reached between the tax inspector and

The agreed amount was not paid and the Revenue brought Order 14 proceedings against an order for payment of the agreed amount and interest.

... the like consequences shall

Section 68(1) of that Act provides that "Any tax may be sued for and recovered from the person charged therewith in the High Court as a debt due to the

LORD JUSTICE FOX said

BRITAIN is likely to provoke admitted to taking drugs. further international con- could only compete in Britain troversy over its decision, under IAAF Law 1 (abcd) announced yesterday, to that is to say, in major harden its stance against over- championships in this country seas athletes found guilty of or international matches." taking drugs.

Amateur Athletic Association Johnson in anything but inter-(AAA) last month - that no national championships or athlete who had completed a ban would be eligible to compete at invitation meetings in England - stirred reaction from abroad that the AAA should toe the International Amateur Athletic long jump champion. Federation (IAAF) line on Foster and Myrick reinstatement.

August Kirsch, a West German member of the IAAF sions imposed by The Athlet-council, and Paul Dupre, ics Congress for using banned president of the Canadian Track and Field Association, were among those who said the AAA had no right to act

The British Amateur Athletic Board has now taken the restriction one step further. Its council has decided that "any overseas athlete who has been found guilty under IAAF laws of drug taking or its equiva-lent, or who has publicly

Such action precludes the The declaration from the appearance not only of Ben matches against this country but also, according to Tony Ward, the board spokesman, Greg Foster, the world high hurdles champion, and Larry Myricks, the world indoor

> Foster and Myricks, both from the United States, are serving three-month suspensubstances.

The board may be heading for trouble with the IAAF, particularly when it comes to the grand prix meetings to be staged in London and Edinburgh this summer. But Ward added: "We are not happy with the IAAF's slackness of approach to this."

Anxious yesterday to be seen as teacher as well as headmaster, the board an-

nounced an initiative to educate Britain's athletes on the

subject of drugs.

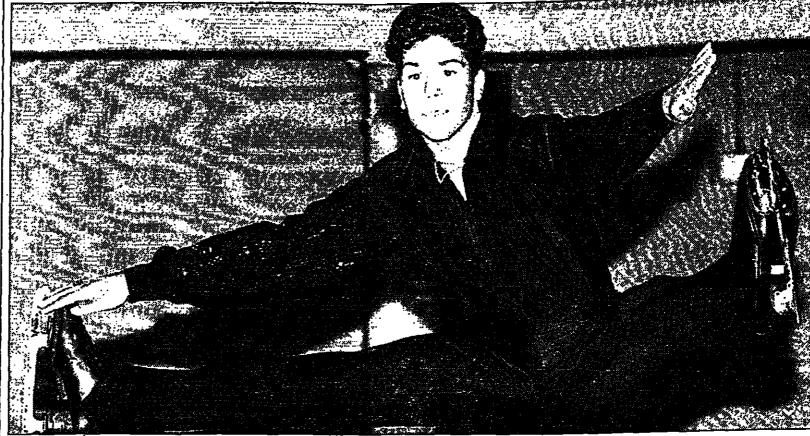
Stay Clean!, a video featuring Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, will be released in September and widely distributed among international athletes, schools

Although the IAAF reinstates, after two years, athletes found to have taken drugs, Britain bans its own for "Britain is known throughout the world for its Draconian approach," Ward

Professor Peter Radford, Britain's 1960 Olympic 100 metres bronze medal-winner. and now a member of the drug abuse advisory committee, welcomed the video. "In the past, the emphasis

has been on punishment and penalties, to the point of it almost being an obsession, Radford said. "Some athletes and coaches do not have the foggiest idea what is on the IOC [International Olympic Committee] banned list and we have to get their

Ice skating's new Cousins has goals of his own



A career taking off: Steven Cousins has the ability and desire to follow in the tracks left by his namesake, Robin, the Olympic gold-medallist

By ALIX RAMSAY

TF YOU are an ice skater and your name you. But Steven Cousins — no relation to the Olympic gold medal-winner, Robin Cousins — takes such expectations and comparisons in his stride.

At just 18 years old, he is an extremely level-headed young man, with the determination to succeed. This last season, his first in senior

competition, has seen Cousins make remarkable progress. After winning the British championship in November, he went on to finish fifteenth in the Europeans, and eighteenth in the world championships.

It all began in 1986, when he won the British primary championships, the first rung on the ladder for the scores of young hopefuls aiming for the top.
"I knew then, at 14, that I wanted to be
a skater," Cousins said. "I've had it all

on a plate, really. I've got a good sponsorship deal with Rapell Engineering. They've sponsored me since I was

they liked me, and backed me because they believed in me."

Even his school let Cousins take time off for practice. "They told me they couldn't guarantee me a job when I left school," he said. "I told them I could guarantee myself a job as a skater. So they let me go and practice whenever I could."

In his home town of Connah's Quay, on Deeside, the local ice rink gives him 3½ hours' ice time a day, while his physiotherapist works within the rink complex. Cousins's professional life couldn't be better organized.

Although he does not claim to model himself on any one skater, Cousins is a great admirer of the Canadian, Brian Orser. "His attitude was really good.

Everything off the ice was planned well and he always had time for people," Cousins said.

As for his own ambitions, the Olympics are obviously a goal. "Things are looking good for selection," he said. "I'm taking one step at a time. I'm hopeful of getting there, and then it is a case of doing the best I can."

### ROWING

# Oriel eight aiming for double figures

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ORIEL will be attempting to behind St Edmund Hall, could win their tenth headship in 12 also progress.

There is also likely to be some eights begin today. Oriel, de-posed by Christ Church in 1985 and New College in 1986, have not been seriously threatened since then, but their 1990 crew is not as impressive as some of its

New College and University College, starting second and third, have not revealed great form, but fourth-placed Christ Church, with three former Isis oarsmen and Oxford president, fonathan Searle, on board have been producing some impressive times in training and performed well at Wallingford

There is also likely to be some

movement in the women's first division. Osler lead off, but they were soundly beaten by an impressive Somerville crew at Wallingford. Somerville start third, with Wadham ahead of them on the first day.

The Henley Stewards Char

itable Trust will be providing £48,000 to support rowing at junior and "grass roots" level during 1990 and 1991. Of that figure, £10,000 will be used to fund the activities of the GB junior men's and teams preparing for the junior world championships at regatta. St John's, starting sixth

### TODAY'S STARTING ORDER

### **SWIMMING**

# Sheffield bid for 1993

Great Britain and Sheffield City Council will travel to the European Swimming Union Con-ference in Belgrade this weekend to present their bid to host the European championships in 1993 at the £52 million pool being built for the World Student Games at Sheffield (Craig

The complex is due to open at

successful, will be the first British venue to host the European championships since 1938.

The ASF is also hoping to attract the European Swimming Diving Cup to Sheffield and the European Masters to Coventry next year, and the Congress and Calendar Conference and Euro-

# TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** 

Berrfica (at Vienna, 6.15) CRICKET

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyst SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Kent SOUTHAMPTON: Hamoshir

OLD TRAFFORD: Other match 11.30 to 6.30

THE PARKS: Oxford Unit

### SPORT ON TV

Screensport 5-6pm RACING: BSB 1.3

Thanks to our communications services, they weren't all at sea. Our congratulations to Peter Blake and the to everyone that it was British Telecom who kept not only the world's press but each and every yacht entire Steinlager crew on their win in the 'Whitbread

Round the World Yacht Race.' And a small reminder

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regularly up to date with the race's progress.

# Digression to dispel doubts Zoman in demand Sunshine all the way for with Predominate victory

(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

DURING the last 20 years Goodwood's N M Financial Predominate Stakes has not heen conspicuous as a successful Derby trial.

In that period, only Troy, in 1979, has won both the trial and the Epsom classic. Since then, eight of the winners of the Goodwood race have sought to follow suit, but the best place mustered has been a fifth ranging up to a disappointing thirteenth.

It against that somewhat inauspicious backcloth that Digression, the current antepost favourite for this year's Derby, makes his belated seasonal debut on the lovely West Sussex track this afternoon But for wrenching a hock he would have contested the 2.000 Guineas or one of the

early Derby trials by now. Time is the all-important factor when dealing with that sort of injury and Guy sort of injury and Guy day includes Emaamul, who Shavian, who did after a Harwood has not been able to just managed to beat Raj finish only 1% lengths behind risk running Digression Waki, another Pulborough in-

By Mandarin

3.35 Digression, 4.10 Military Shot. 4.40 CACOETHES (nap).

2.00 Line Engaged. 2.30 Silver Owl. 3.00 Mac's Imp.

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sooner. He has, however, been able to give him sufficient groundwork at Pulborough,

and Mark at Kempton first time out.

Afterwards, Elmaamul's Findon, and Lingfield to be hopeful of a satisfactory outcome today.

I was impressed by Digression when watching him win initially at Kempton and then again at Ascot as a twoyear-old. At Ascot, I liked the way that he finished at the end of a mile to put daylight between himself and his nearest pursuers and land the prestigious Royal Lodge

While it has to be said that it is possible to pick holes in that form now, it is still the race that pointed to St Paddy, Royal Palace and Shirley Heights winning the Derby. Those who have plunged on Digression this spring are banking on the Royal Lodge holding the key again.

Digression's opposition to-

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.33 Kazeen. 4.10 MILITARY SHOT (nap).

2.00 Karim's Kid.

3.00 Mac's Imp.

Selections

By Michael Seely 3.00 Mac's Imp. 4.40 CACOETHES (nap). 5.10 Elapse. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 MAC'S IMP.

2.0 GOODWOOD AERODROME MADEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 52,803: 5f) (8 runners)

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DISTINCTLY NURTH (R Sungster) J Berry 9-0...
HEARD A WHISPER (D Barter) G Lewis 9-0...
KARBI'S KID (M Serials) R Boos 9-0...
LINE ENGAGED (I Karegeorgis) D Elsworth 9-0...
ROCTON NORTH (A Budge Lid) R Harmon 9-0...
ROSUDGEON (E Saunders) W Wightmen 9-0...
MIKCZZETTE (R Bastiein Partnership) R O'Sulfiren 8-8...

BETTRIC: 5-2 Karixi's Kid, 3-1 Rocton North, 4-1 Line Engaged, 5-1 Distinctly North, 10-1 Absolute) ht, Heard A Whisper, 16-1 Resudgeon, 25-1 Nikozetle.

1989: BARTON DENE 9-0 M HRIS (3-1) B HRIS 5 ran

DISTRICTLY NORTH (Fooled February 2) is a half-brother to the useful St juvenile winner Steelingtive and is from a stable which excells with juveniles. HEARD A WHISPER (February 2, cost 33,000 gas) is out of a more winn was a useful handcapper over \$1. KARNETS KID (March 16, 15,000 gas) is a half-brother.

2.30 CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE HANDICAP (23,590: 1m 4f) (6

FORM FOCUS CARRAGNOLE, a course and distance winner on fast ground last steech, that little chance with the very well-handleapped Sultain's Son on his reappearance at Ascot (Im 45, good to firm), beaten 101.

GRUF PALACE comes firmly into the reckoning here if sole to reproduce the form when heed 2nd to Timothy's Toy at Newmarket (Im 45, good to firm). Salebut of Salebut (Im 41, good to firm) as the sole to reproduce the form when heed 2nd to Timothy's Toy at Newmarket (Im 45, good to firm). Salebut (Im 24 dyd, firm). Isst season. Salver OWL has no creditably on both.

3.0 CLIVE GRAHAM GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: \$2,875: 61) (5 BBC)

FORM FOCUS LES ANMADK NUAGES, winner at Newbury (57, good to the recoourse debut, 54 2nd to Generous at Ascot (51, good to firm) test time out.

MACS INIP showed greatly improved form to beat Madegane (37 yet) at Newmarket (51, good to firm) test time out. Both the second and third in that race have won in the meantime. One of the best juvaniles.

**Course specialists** 

Selections

By Mandarin

Brain Beel's selection: 3.55 Oh Why.

1989: HELLO STEVE 11-0 S de Haan (11-1) C Brooks 15 ran 2.55 JOHN JONES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,073; 2m 3f) (5 runners)

ore the site of the second side.

2.25 WEOBLEY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,360; 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1 1U4SD2 BLAZING WALKER 36 (D.BF.F.Q.S) (P Piler) W A Sepheneon 6-12-7.
2 21312 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 16 (C.BF.F.Q.S) (R Beines) K Balley 8-11-1.
3 F-1442F BLUE RAINBOW & (BF.F.Q.S) (A Lornes) M Pipo 7-10-0.
4 GRBU- WELDWOOD MOSS 573 (Mrs S Williams) Mrs S Williams 11-10-0.
5 889/P FOUNTAIN VALLEY 7 (Mrs C Lee) R Lee 11-10-0.

2.25 Ultra Violet.

3.25 Kings Rank.

Going: firm (watering)

2.55 Docklands Express.

**JOCKEYS** 

3.55 Oh Why.

4.25 Fisherman's Croft. 4.55 Baluchi.

5.25 Majestic Run.

ARSOLUTTELY RIGHT (P Jubert) S Dow 9-0.

Afterwards, Elmaamul's chance of finishing in the Arms, the only other runner in frame in the 2,000 Guineas today's field, is a half-brother was not improved when he got to another, Gildoran. It rea hefty bump from mains to be seen whether Machievellian coming down either of them can match

Razeen. Steve Cauthen's of speed and stamina. I have pick of Henry Cecil's two my doubts. Warrshan, the winner of the corresponding race 12 months ago. First time out, Razeen had only three-quarters of a length to spare over Silca An Key who is one of his rivals again.

Since then, Silca An'Key has been trounced by Lord Charmer at Newmarket while Razeen has just managed to win a match at Sandown albeit when giving a useful opponent 8lb.

It says something for Razeen that Cauthen has chosen him in preference to Shavian, who did after all finish only 11/2 lengths behind

one Ascot Gold Cup winner, Pacan, while Regimental today's field, is a half-brother Digression's American blend

So Digression is taken to trigger off a double for Pulborough, a double to be completed by Cacoethes, who is napped to win the Festival

Last season, Cacoethes was seen at his best when winning at Brighton and Lingfield in the spring and when he was runner-up to Nashwan and his stable companion lie De Chypre at Ascot and York later in the year. In that sort of form, he should prove capable of conceding weight away all round this afternoon.

Blinkered first time

64-23 SECA ANY KEY 20 (Aidridge Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 8-12.

BETTWC: 10-11 Digression, 5-2 Rezsen, 4-1 Smasmul, 5-1 Shavien, 12-1 Regimental Arms, 14-1 Slica An' Key.

# for Derby

By Christopher Goulding

ZOMAN, runner-up to Linamix ZOMAN, runner-up to Linamix who won the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp in a record time, attracted support yesterday from 10-1 to 8-1 with Ladbrokes for the Derby.

The Affirmed colt, who has only raced twice in his life, was reported to be in good order. "We will not be giving him a racecourse gallop," said Paul Cole. "He has been working well at home."

Other Derby news concerned ion, a runner in today's

same firm also cut Rock Hopper In The Groove, the impres-In the Groove, the impressive winner of the Musidora, Stakes at York last Tuesday, lines up for Saturday's Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh with Steve Cauthen in the saddle.

"There is two weeks between the races and it's noesible that

the races and it's possible that she will also go for the Oaks," reported Chris Hill.

The 14 four-day entries for the Goffs Irish 1,006 Guiness, to be televised, are: Aminete, Armie Laurie, Black And Blaze, Habira, Heert Of Joy, in The Groove, Lady Of Vision, Needy Thatch, Performing Arts, Ring Of Light, Saratoga, Tarrer, The Canataker, Wedding Bouquet.

### GOCCHICOD: 4.10 Beau Rou. 3.35 N M FINANCIAL PREDOMINATE STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: (88622)) £18,437: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

### IT WAS sunshine and champagne all the way for Willic Carson at Salisbury yesterday when he drove Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Kawtuban home in the Tryon Handicap Stakes, and became only the fourth jockey to ride 3,000 winners in this Sir Gordon Richards, who had a special affection for this picturesque course and who leads the overall records ahead of Lester Piggott, Doug Smith and Carson himself, would cerand Carson innsen, would cer-tainly have approved the way the 47-year-old Scot eventually reached his career milestone. Predominate Stakes at Goodwood, who was shortened from 4-1 to 7-2 with Hills. The Kawtuban, made 2-! favourite, had jumped off quickly but Carson settled him down behind the leaders as Jagjet made the running. But at halfway it was evident that the five times

champion was going to have to extricate himself from a slight traffic problem. In his typical, driving fashion, Carson got to work and found a passage to the From then on, the 3,000-mark

was in no doubt. Ridden past the top-weight Star Hill with just over a furlong to go, Kawtuban and Carson were a triumphant three lengths clear at the line. A great, cheering reception fittingly awaited them in the unsaddling enclosure and, although Kawtuban seemed un-

aware of the occasion and was reluctant to go into the winner's circle, Carson was all smiles. Slipped a bottle of champagne as he went to weigh in, he was soon out again to receive a ieroboam, no less, of Veuve Cliquot from Lord Margadale, chairman of the Bibury Club.

Needing all the strength he normally exhibits in a finish, Carson held aloft the jeroboam then said, disarmingly, This is a moment I never thought would happen: I never



milestone at Salisbury

as a lad in Stirling, saving his pocket money from his paper round and learning to ride at Mrs MacFarlane's school on a pony called Wines.

About his earlier days as an apprentice, first to Gerald Armstrong in Yorkshire and later, Gerald's brother "Sam" Arms strong at Newmarket where he was a product of the renowned

Carson's 3,000th success Armstrong riding academy, he said: "In fact, I almost never made it at all. I was beaten a short head at Catterick and then 'grounded' for two months by Sam and it was Les Hall who

really started me again." Of all the 3,000 winners which was his best? Carson unbesitatingly nominated his 2,000 Guiningly nominated his 2,000 Guineas and Derby winner of 1989, Nashwan. "Although," he said, "I don't want to forget Habibti and Rose Bowl, and poor old Troy seems to get pushed into the background these days. But Nashwan was a true champion. He was a dream to ride and the complete horse — one who could win at any distance."

And, as ever, he ended with a quip. Asked what was his best plane ride, he turned from the weighing room steps, with a huge laugh, appropriate to the occasion. "The one I didn't have," he said (a reference to the weekend when the plane he should have been on landed with its wheels up).

Before and after this pleasant interlude in racing history, how ever, John Williams and David Elsworth were not to be outdone in a share of the afternoon's honours. They completed a double with Take Heart, top weight at 13-8 for the Bishopstone Handicap and Maryland Willie, a 4-1 chance in the Laverstock Maiden Stakes. Take Heart and Saily's Won were well clear of the rest of the field at the elbow. Take Heart went on at the distance and was

kept going well by John Wil-liams to withstand by a length the strong late challenge of the 20-1 chance Inspired Love. Elsworth explained: "It's

Career milestones
First winner Pinkars Pond at Catawick
Bridge, July 19 1982.
Champion Jockey: 1972, 73, 78, 80, 80.
Big-race victories: Dorby (Troy 1978).
Henbit 1980, Nashwan 1989), Oaks (Duntermine 1977, Birane 1980, Sun Princess
1983). 2,000 Guineas (Figh Top 1972,
Known Fact 1980, Don't Forget Me 1987,
Nashwan 1989), 1,000 (Salasabi 1980). St
Legar (Dunfermine 1977, Minster Son
1980).

# Kinane chasing more classic glory with The Caretaker

By Paul Wheeler

MICHAEL Kinane, Ireland's champion jockey, who partnered Tirol in his 2,000 Guineas triumph at New-market, is hoping to add to his classic haul on Saturday when he rides The Caretaker in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the

Curragh.
Kinane missed out on another winning ride on Tirol in last Saturday's Irish 2,000 Guineas after being claimed to partner Lotus Pool for his retained trainer, Dermot Weld.

Lotus Pool finished third behind Tirol, but there was no trace of complaint in Kinane's reaction. "I'm contracted to Mr reaction. "I'm contracted to Mr
Weld and don't expect otherwise, so there's no point crying
over it," he said philosophically.
But he hopes for swift recompense with The Caretaker,
who made a pleasing reappearance by winning the Derrinstown Stud 1,000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown earlier this month. "We knew she hadn't

really come to herself, but we had to race her to try and bring her forward," he said. against Heart Of Joy, runner-up to Salsabil at Newmarket three weeks ago. "The Stoute filly looks pretty good, they drew a

long way away from the other fillies at Newmarket," he It was with The Caretaker that he made international headlines last year, winning the Cartier Million before storming to victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Carroll House, 24

hours later.
Reflecting on that glorious weekend, he said: "It was great to get international recognition. I was just hoping, after last year, to get an early classic winner this season to follow it up. And it's

essentially modest man, is an understatement. He is blessed with an ice-cool temperament and relishes the heat of the

If God is a racing man, Kinane was probably destined to be a jockey. His three brothers, Tommy Jnr, Jao and "It's something I keep pushing away from my mind. I've got a good job with Mr Weld, and there are only about four including Paul, are all jump jockeys and his father, Tommy, rode Monksfield to win the Champion Hurdle in 1978, the same year that Michael, then 19. became apprentice Flat cham-

It was in 1982 that he first tasted classic glory with the Liam Browne-trained Dara Monarch who, as a 20-1 chance, won the Irish 2,000 Guineas. And to prove that was no fluke, the pair went on to take the St James's Palace Stakes.

Two years later Kinane took up the offer as first jockey with Decreos Weld Six seasons have yielded six jockeys' champion ships, including a record 105 victories in 1985. Kinane, aged 30, is one the

most wanted men in Europe. In a sport where success makes climbing Everest look easy, he is sitting on top of the mountain.

The success has also brought speculation about him joining one of the top yards in this country. But it is a thought he seems reluctant to come to terms with. "I don't know," he said with a trace of a grimace.

been a dream start. This, like so much of this

classic battle ahead. "Sure, you're always a little bit nervous," he said. "But I enjoy the hig day. That's what we all work for, so you've got to be able to enjoy it."

there are only about four jockeys in England that ride more winners in a season than I do." Home and family for Kinane is set within 23 lush acres of Co. Kildare and he feels that his wife, Catherine, and two daughters, Sinead and Aisling, must come first. "I'm very happy at home, and my family life is very good. You've got to be happy what you're doing, and it's a question of would I be happy in But his hand may eventually be forced by the Republic's crippling taxation levels, which

in his case stand at 56 per cent.
"It's a pretty heavy burden, and could be a big deciding factor," he said. "It's only a short career, so you've got to look to the future and make plans for it."

Along with the success has Along with the success has come sufficient financial re-

wards to allow Kinane to take something of a winter break at home, rather than making the annual trek out to ride in India. weeks at home. I was riding in Japan and then had a holiday afterwards. In the early years going to India was a necessity because I couldn't afford not to ride for three or four months

recreations. He numbers among his friends Christy O'Conno Jur and has vivid memories of O'Connor's two-iron shot at the eighteenth hole which helped Europe to retain the Ryder Cup at the Belfry last year. "It was fantastic, and for anybody that knows Christy it was a moment to capture. I think I was as emotional as he was."

But for a man regarded by many as a perfectionist, business still holds sway for Kinane. "I used to watch a lot of videos of races I'd ridden in the early days, and I still do a fair bit now. "The day you stop thinking you're not going to get better is the day you start declining," he said, adding, with what seemed a knowing smile, "but I haven't got near to reaching my poten-nal — I hope."



# Yesterday's results from two meetings

### Salisbury

Geing: firm

2.0 (5f) 1. UNIVER.ED (J. Reid, 9-4); 2.
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ALSO RAN: 7 Whentheiddeutrus, 12
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2.30 (im 27) I, TAICE HEART (J Williams.
13-6 fav. Risatiant's sept 2, Inspired Love (T Cuinn, 20-1); 3, Lasga (R Fox, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Article (8th), 7 Northern Wilsign, 9 Brotze Ruwser (4th), 10 Ready Wk 12 Frogs First, 14 Sallys Won (5th), 20 Katle Scarlet, 50 Miss Killiatrick, 68 Taffy Jones. 12 ran. 1, 1, 24, 254, 254, 0 Essecht at Whitsbury. Tote: 22-50; 21-40, 22-80, 23-20. DF: £16.20. CSF: £33.05. Tricast: £283.68. Zmin 08.28ec.

3.0 (1m) 1, KAWTUBAN (W Carson, 2-1 fev); 2, Star Hill (J Williams, 11-2); 3, El Volador (C Rutter, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Walling Selft (4th), 9-2 Lord Burile (5th), 20 Jaglet (8th), 33 Haverton, 7 ran, 31, 2%1, sh hd, 3, sh hd, R Charlton at Sectinampton, Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.70. DF: £8.60, CSF: £12.87, 1m 39.85eec.

Dr.: 28.60. GSF: ETZ87. IM 38.05686.
3.30 [6] 1. SPORTING SMACH [G Bardwell, 5-11; 2. Lutabeometabloudt (N Adams, 10-1); 3. Noedic Brave (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav), ALSO RAN: 8 Ferox (4th), 9 Green Dollar (5th), 10 Torkes, 12 Juvenura (6th), 20 Amber Nectar, Young Inca, Cut Up Rough, 25 Here He Comes, Whitcombe Warrfor, 33 Bodamist, 50 Batterock, 68 Tima's Angel. 15 Fan. Nr. 7, 21, TM, 34. B Milliman at Cullompton. Tota: 95-20; £1.80, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £24.70. CSF: £50.19. Tricast: £131.79. 1min 12.21sec.

AD (1m 40) 1, MARYLAND WILLIE (J. Williams, 4-1); 2, High Phiteau (T Quinn, 12-1); 3, Half Cassar (F. Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Haredoot (36h), 11-4 Ferm Street (4th), 11 Dutes's Dust (5th), 25 Derwort Westers, 65 You, Jest, 6-7an, 71, Nr., 31, 11, Srl. O Elsevorth at Wiltsbury, Tota: 24.90; 21.40, 23.50, 21.90. DF: 231.60. CSF: 24.438, 2min 32.68eac, After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

4.20 (7f) 1, SANAWI (B Rouse, 6-1 fav);
2, Falland (N Adams, 7-1); 3, Hand Sell (J Williams, 7-1); 4, Suprame Dancer (Pat Eddory, 7-1); 4, Suprame Dancer (Pat Eddory, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 15-2 Surwind (btn), 14 Shelikr's Per, Monkey Love, 18 Sky Cloud, Love Prince (Sth), Madem Jac, 17 Quarter Pfrit, Love Christia, 25 Spot On Annie, Sarutti, Return To Sander, 33 Cloon Sabre, Jomana, Racecall Gold Card, Glensey, 50 Meadis Brow. 20 ran. 34, 34, nk, sh hd, 34. C Benessed at

Epecin. Tota: 25.60; 21.50, 22.50, 21.60, 21.20, DF: 218.00. CSF: 245.92. Tricast. 2285.82. 1min 27.24886. Beverley

Coing: firm

2.15 (im 100yd) 1, YSATIROUS (W R
Swintburn, 9-4 trw); 2, Manimaze (L. Dertori,
9-2); 3, Prince Hannibel (G Dufield, 3-1).
ALSO RAN-5 Christine Dase (4th), 8-Hills
Of Hoy, 14 Par De Luxa (5th), Rashiba, 20
Barney O'Ned (6th), Ern's Town, Shevel,
Bassenite, Casa Bella, 25 Native Suitor, 33
Ooreen's Delight, Hoffmying, My Opinion,
Amood Point, Liberto, 18 ran. NR:
Movimariost, Tobs. 53.80; 52.10, 22.10,
21.50. DF: 28.70, CSF: \$15.85.

2.45 (5f) 1, BELLE CHOSE (K Derley, 5-1); 2, Sar Of Aragon (Dean McKeown, 17-2); 3, Maglical Bream (A Culhane, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 2 fav Down The Middle (4th), 17-2 Pelaw, Blazing Horseshoe, 12 Telegraphier, Kagram Cusen, 14 MCA Below The Line (8th), 16 Deazam, 20 Arack Princess (5th), Le Rubis Vert, Miss. Pro Vision, 13 rain, 21, sh Ind, 21, 1%1, 2%1, M H Easterby at Great Habtion, Totar 25.00; 22.00, 21.70, 21.40, OP: 532.90, CSP: 253.85, No bid.

S.15 (7) 110yd) 1, COLOURIST (M Roberts, 2-1 tay); 2, Gymeraik Lovebird (M Birch, 6-1); 3, Kawernai Gesen (J. Fortune, 7-2), ALSO RAN: 8 Midom; 9 Marsa Key Gold (4th), 11 First Exhibition, 14 Yukosan (6th), 16 Diamond Sprisa (5th), 20 First Mistake, 25 Northgate King, Heiddam Millia, 33 Go For Giory, 12 ran. 3, 15/1, 3, 15/1, 3/1. A Sawert at Newmarket. Tote: 23.00; 21.90, 22.00, 21.90, DF: 25.40, CSF: 215.01, Tricast: 239.27.

CSF: 215.01. Tricest: 239.27.

3.45 (57) 1. SWEFT SWCRD (J Lowe, 25-1): 2. Glandiald Greta (M Roberts, 12-1): 3. Glandiald Spirit, 11 Prince Of Ireland, 14 Maggies Lad (4th), Play The Aos. Supreme Desire, 18 Portly Stan, Kevinsline, 17-essellio, 20 Ricketty, Dulcimal, Presspellio, 20 Ricketty, Dulcimal, Presspellio, 20 Ricketty, Dulcimal, 19-essemfleo, 25 Sarsta Gral, Sweet Desire (5th), 20 mm. NR: Floating Line, 15-1, 14, 14, 11, 14, 14, 15 Greekey at Melicin. Tost: win 246.70; 29.00, 28.10, 21.90. DP: Winner or second with any other horse, 27.10. CSF: 2356.31. After a stewards inquiry and an objection by the third to the second the result stands.

4.15 (im 4f) 1, FLIGHT FANTASY (N Kennedy, 20-1); 2, Shadow Bird (W Hood, 9-2); 3, integrity Bey (J Curint, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav San Roque, 5 Clastondele (8th), 11-2 Nearroe, 6 Tongadin (4th), 16 Culp, Rubinka (5th), 33 Breguet, 50 Contact Kalvin, 100 Decham House, 12

ran. NR: Normen Invader. 1%, 3t, hd, 2t, 2%I. J Partess at Malton. Total: £105.90; £13.90, 21.40, £2.00. DF: £108.70. CSF: £101.68. Tricast: £846.35. £101.88. Tricast: £846.35.

4.45 (Im 2f) 1, HIGH FOUNTAIN (S Cauthen, 8-4 tav., Our Newscalest Correspondent's napt; 2, Spode's Shae (B Raymond, 7-4; 3, Fabbulas Deed (W R Swintourn, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Bastle Of Flowers (4th), 12 Partchwork (5th), 66 Riciashew Queen (6th), 6 ran. NR: Saxby Storm. 11, 3, 2%, B., 31, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tota: £2.40; £1.30, £1.50, DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.13.

# Monday's late results **Folkestone**

7.15 (3m 2! ch) 1, York Royal (Mr T Moore, 4-8 lav); 2, Four Poster (8-1); 3, Prince Zeus (7-1). 6 ran. 12, 20. M Jerram. Totte: £1.80; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £4.70, CSF: £5.95. 7.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, Just A Ghost (Miss S French, 6-4 (t-fav); 2, Bucks Green (100-30); 3, Uberly Square (6-4 (t-fav), 4 ran. 25), 20). Mrs. J French. Tota: \$2.00. DF: \$3.50. GSF: \$5.00.

8.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Samilwood Willet (Mr T Mitchell, 11-8 fay); 2, Piwer Trout (7-2); 3, Sir Kenwin (16-1), 9 ran. 151, 41, T Swaffled, Tote: 62,40; £1.10, £1.60, £3.70, DF: £3.50, CSF: £8.93.



# Long handicap: Blue Rainbow 9-10, Wildwood Moss 8-3, Fountain Valley 6-3. BETTRIC 11-10 Biszing Walter, 7-4 Docklands Express, 7-2 Blue Rainbow, 14-1 Fountain Valley, 1989: IMAN O'MAGIC 6-11-6 Mr A Tory (13-8 fev) K Belley 13 ran Course specialists **JOCKEYS**

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FORM FOCUS DIGRESSION currently heads the Derby market on the strength of beating of Bridel Toest 3 of the group it Royal Lodge States at Ascot (1m., good). REGMEENTAL ARMS confirmed promise in the group it Royal Lodge States at Ascot (1m., good). REGMEENTAL ARMS confirmed promise of debut effort when beating States in the group it Royal Lodge States at Ascot (1m. good). REGMEENTAL ARMS confirmed promise of debut effort when beating States in the India to good; can improve further. SHA-VIAN is bred to be suited by this longer trip after a fully state at Newmarks (1m) lest time. Gets all the spitu being hampered 2 out, 93/1 7th to Troil in the Craven States at Newmarks (1m) lest time. Gets all the spitu being hampered 20 out, 93/1 7th to Troil in the Craven of the promise of the spitu being hampered 20 out, 93/1 7th to Troil in the Craven of the promise of the spitu being hampered 20 out, 93/1 7th to Troil in the Craven of the promise of 4.10 MAIL ON SUNDAY THREE YEAR OLD SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: BBC220) Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best 508 (4) \$243-30 MILLIPELDS LADY 4 (17) (M Lewin) R Stripson 8-4 S Whitmorth 85 507 (8) 400-0 PHL-BLAKE 37 (R Readings) C Horgen 8-0 R Hills 9-29 508 (5) 4-00 BEAU ROU 15 (6) (P Coulenchie) D Elsworth 7-10 S Develop 8 509 (5) 400-000 BROWN CARPET 14 (R Del Roserio) G Lewis 7-9 Date Gibson (3) 98 BETTING: 3-1 Woodside Heath, 4-1 Phil-Slake, 11-2 Milkary Shot, Millfields Lady, 8-1 Snuggle, 10-1 Revoke, 18-1 Regal Thatch, 25-1 Brown Carpet, Beau Rou.

1989: MERINOR BLACK 8-1 T Quinn (11-2) P Makin 9 ran

FORM FOCUS SILLITARY SHOT.

Comfortable winner at Nottingham (6f, firm) last season, shaped with promise when 3'kl 5th to useful Glan Kate on Neumariset (7f, good to first) subperance and should strip titler today.

REGAL THATCH takes a drop in class after finishing down the field behind El Paso at Neumariset (7in, good to first) and has claims judged on winning form at York (7f, good to first) last season. WOODSIDE in the could make in the field behind El Paso at Neumariset (7in, good to first) and has claims judged on winning form at York (7f, good to first) last season. WOODSIDE in the could make in the field (7in 140)d, good to firm) last time outings so far but is a half-brother to smart 7f winner Point House and is probably capable of better.

Selection: MILITARY SHOT

4.40 FESTIVAL STAKES (Listed race: £14,750: 1m 2f) (7 runners) 1969: SWEET CHESKE 4-8-11 S Cauthen (2-1) H Cocii 6 ran

FORM FOCUS CACOETHES terned in best effort test seeson when besten a neck by Nestween in the group!
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subsequent 17st acts to substrates we use Crypte in the group I Juddemonte International States at York (Im 21 110yd, good to firm) in August would make him difficult to beat.

LANDYAP, a winner in the United States, showed promise on English debut when, although hampered, Gondon Richards States at Sendown (Im 21, good to firm) on Seturday, But faces sifter opposition today.

CHARNER, numerup to Doyoun in the 1988 2,000

Guineas, gained first success since juvenile days

Salection: CACOETHES

5.10 HIGH WOOD GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,971: 6f) (7 runners) SS-1 CHILBOY 23 (D,F) (Mrs H Heinz) J Duniop 9-5
2213-25 ELAPSE 22 (F) (R Sangstar) B HRS 9-5
4-2 BELFORT RILER 12 (B Gubby LM) B Gubby 8-0
6 CAYMAN BRAC 18 (S Krahad) H Cacil 9-0
96-5 FAULTLESS SPEECH SB (B Godfrey) G Lewis 9-0
GENTLY GENTLY (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0
00- VICTORIA PRINCESS 186 (N Chappel) C Elsey 8-9 BETTING: 2-7 Chiliboy, 9-4 Elapse, 4-1 Cayoran Brac, 13-2 Belfort Ruler, 10-1 Gently Gently, 14-1 Fault-s Speech, 20-1 Victoria Princess.

1989: UXONTORSUS 9-0 W Carson (12-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS CHILIBOY best Vaig rage on Beverley (St. good) reappearance. May be famered by proximity to winner in what was a stowly not reappearance at Portistract (St. firm). A half-brother to smart sprinter Crifficing and open to fair-their improvement.

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M Perett 92
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B Powell 92 Gold 8-11. BETTING: 9-4 Kings Rank, 11-4 Tommys Dream, 4-1 Boscean Chieftain, 13-2 Eftee-Ess, 10-1 Mau-lor, 12-1 Palmar's Gold, 14-1 Little London. 1989: OCCKLANDS EXPRESS 7-10-4 Mr A Tory (10-1) K Bailey 16 ran

3.55 BROCKHAMPTON HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,360: 3m 1f) (7 runners) Greenal (3) was Greenal (3) was Greenal (7) 80 Miss L Wallace (7) — P Hoseita (7) — P Hoseita (7) — C Thomas (7) 45 — Miss A Shappard (7) — BETTING: 11-8 On Why, 3-1 Vincol, 5-1 Raheen Na Mors, 7-1 Walk in Rhythm, 10-1 Celtic Princess Frozen Asset, 20-1 Tudor Fun. 1989: SANBER 11-11-9 Miss J Southcombe (4-1) R Winslade 7 ran

4.25 HOLMER SELLING HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (8 runners) 

... Gary Lyons (3) • 99
... A Lymach (7) 98
.... M Kinane 95
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.... R Duratoody 81

5.25 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT STAKES (£1,702: 2m) (13 runners) 36 ROYAL BANNER 54 (1 Thompson) D Murray Smith 5-11-0... 50 CARDS AND KISSES 25 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-9..... BETTING: 7-4 Majestic Run, 11-4 Royal Banner, 9-2 Major Player, 6-1 Highland Chain, 8-1 Fax Me, 12-1 Mister Jolly, 14-1 others.

1989: LITTLE-NEPPER 4-10-7 R Sollerny (6-1) D Nicholson 17 ran

1989: NORE HILL 4-10-12 Mr G Hammer (11-1) R Brotherton 15 ran 4.55 CANON PYON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,762: 3m 1f) (6 runners) Long handlese: Mr Fagin 8-9, Quilantaro 8-8. ter Butler, 7-2 Beaconside. 4-1 Baluchi, 11-2 Rivernot, 8-1 Culliantero, 12-1 Mr Fagin. 1988: PADDY BUCK 9-10-4 H Davies (8-1) J Honeybell 9 ran

# Gooch unswerving in the quest for glory

By Alan Lee Cricket correspondent

ONE of Graham Gooch's most agreeable characteristics is his solid sense of perspective. Feed him a line of hyperbole and he will treat you to a withering put-down. Today, as England resume the high-speed international circuit after the briefest of pit stops, Gooch's personality has a positive virtue.

It is precisely five weeks since England completed their Caribbean tour. The ink is barely dry on the scorebook of a series which might have ended predictably, but con-tained much which was dramatically different. Gooch came home with his stock at an all-time high and now, as he is aware, the nation

Having come so close to an unthinkable victory over the West Indies, New Zealand will

# Speight in forefront of revival for Sussex

By JACK BAILEY HOVE: Sussex (3pts) drew with

MAGNIFICENT maiden century from Martin Speight and a strong performance in a supporting role by Colin Wells were at the heart of the Sussex revival, which earned them a draw after they had followed on

180 runs behind Glamorgan. Sussex were never quite in a position to set Glamorgan a realistic chase, especially not with Richards ready and waiting, and there were relatively easy pickings for Moores and Pigott as evening drew near. Speight, Dodemaide and

Wells were there when the going was tough and Sussex far from in the clear. Glamorgan still had a spring in their stride, although by lunch their steps were getting shorter. The dismissal of Dodemaide after a staunch in-nings had proved a false dawn. Speight, his appetitie for runs still voracious, had passed his 100; Wells had been aggressive from the start, laying into Cowley with relish, and Sussex were 57 runs in credit.

Just six overs into the afternoon came a crucial moment, built up, it was even on the following which Glamorgan's tails drooped noticeably. Frost moved a ball away from Wells, who had just reached 50. Wells ashed. Metson took the ball cleanly and went up in the same motion, and all Glamorgan went up with him. There was a pause. Umpire White declined to agree with Glamorgan's feelings, Wells was unmoved and the game went on. Glamorgan if chance it was, had sone.

So it proved. For although 181, in which beautifully timed leg-side strokes and square cover-driving brought him most of his 20 fours, and Wells was out six runs short of his first ringing the boundary, rapid century for two years, Sussex were coasting, and the way was clear for some savagery of

Speight batted for six hours in this match for 191 runs. It was a brave performance, given with a damaged leg and with a runner. Jamie Hall, in his first match, was that cupper. All told, he spent six bours and 40 minutes in the middle and made 15 mas He also deserves to take a bow.

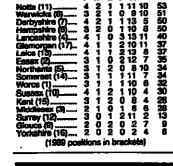
GLAMORGAN: First Innings 402 for 3 dec (A R Butcher 139, H Monts 73, I V A Richards 118 not out). SUSSEX: First Innings 222 (M P Speight 60, P W G Parker 57 not out; M Frost 4 for

62).		
Second	Innings	
N J Lanham c Cowle		
J W Hall c Metson b		
A I C Dodemaide c R M P Speicht c Cann		
C M Wells c Frost b		
I J Gould c Morris b		
1P Moores not out		
A C S Plant c Monte	s b Cann	54
ID K Salisbury not o	ut	19
Extres (b 4, b 4,	₩ 5, nb 3)	<u>_16</u>

PWG Parker and AM Babington did not

bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-27, 3-163, 4279, 6-295, 6-395, 7-443.
BOWLING: Frost 24-0-96-0; Westign 30-494-2: Cowley 13-5-28-0; Dennis 25-3-833; Richards 9-2-14-0; Smith 8-0-49-0; Cottey 9-0-44-0; Cenn 7-0-39-1; Butcher 3-0-16-1; Monte 3-0-21-0.
Altrophers 4-1 Kitchare and 8-2 White es: M J Kitchen and R A White.

Britannic Assurance championship table



over, there will be many who anticipate this week's two Texaco Trophy internationals, of 55 overs a side, giving a reliable foretaste of

Gooch, mercifully, will have none of this. Seated yesterday, sipping tea beneath the cathedral in Worcester, he presented a more confident and relaxed figure than of old. The ghosts of political pressure and public misconceptions have been exorcised.

the three-Test series to come.

He is batting better than ever and loving every surprising minute as captain of Essex and England. Yet with life so rosy, those plodding feet stay firmly on the ground. "I am sure expectations will be higher this summer," he admitted. "Fair enough, because we did well in the West Indies. But one win and a couple of good performances



Gooch: Batting at his best

really making progress until we start to win regularly. We still have a long way to go and we have to move forward this

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS ) M D Crows R J Hadles cricket and their batting looks

On England's first opponents, Gooch is equally stoical. "They are not a mug side, that's for sure. They have a good recent record in Test

particularly strong." So will the England captain be treating these two matches as preparation for the Tests?

"Not at ail. I see them as a separate entity which has nothing whatever to do with What Gooch was transmit-

nor forward this week. What you will see, at Headingley today and the Oval on Friday. owes little to the West Indian winter and has no bearing at all on the New Zealand

England's ambition, under Gooch, is a renaissance at Test level and one-day games, when they appear on the schedule, must be treated as exactly what they are. Something different.

There are those playing today who might be troubled by that description, failing to perceive anything very different in this round of overs cricket from their last. No fewer than six among the two teams have already played upwards of 90 such nternationals.

Even Martin Snedden, scarcely a household name outside the city of Auckland, will be appearing in his 94th match today, provided he

ting is this. Look neither back passes a late fitness test. Oddly enough, it is Snedden who will have one of the key roles. New Zealand's one-day record is not good - their only win in this country came four years ago in Leeds, when England played wretchedly and if they are to compete, their bowling will need far more discipline than has been

evident so far. Richard Hadlee, it need hardly be said, will rise to the occasion but so too will Snedden, in his tidy, unassuming way. This pair apart, as Gooch may well have discovered when he asked his county coach, Keith Fletcher, to watch the tourists for him last week, the bowling is not designed to inhibit stroke-

New Zealand's strength is their batting, likely to be led off by the captain, John Wright, and Andrew Jones, who has made 16 fifties in 36 internationals.

# Lawrence's pace has Zimbabwe struggling

By TONY WINLAW

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the

THE Zimbabweans had every chance yesterday to beat a county in this country for the first time, after their bowlers had surpassed all reputations and expectations in dismissing Gloucestershire for 206. This left the touring team 106

to win in 20 overs and five minutes but they possessed no aggressive batsmen to master the fast pace of David Lawrence and accuracy of Kevin Curran, to leave them 17 runs short on 89 for three.

Zimbabwe had admittedly beaten Middlesex and Lancashire in their own country and also defeated Somerset, Sussex day matches, but this was their chance of history. There might rightly be grumbles of com-plaint, with the loss of 22 overs

and one for time wasting.

The tourists, already with a first innings lead of 99 runs and only three wickets remaining, unnecessarily continued botting in the morning before Lawrence took two wickets in eight balls and an overdue declaration at Lawrence at least had saved a

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further waste of time for Zim-babwe here but then he was the figurehead for their complaint when they went for that winning quest in 20 overs and five minutes. Lawrence misjudged his run-up for the first ball and on completion of his one over all that remained were the final

Whatever the mutterings this was still a magnificent perfor-mance by the Zimbabwean bowlers, who had hitherto been regarded as somewhat easy

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 267 for 3 dec (D G Hodgson 126, I P Butcher



BOWLING: Brandes 10.2-3-35-4; Jarvis 21-6-61-2; Traicos 25-10-43-3; Dolphin 16-7-29-1; Brant 5-3-13-0.

P Jarvis not out ... Extras (b 10, lb 12, w 1, nb 1) ... Total (no witt) 48
P J Prichard, M E Waugh, Nadeem
Shahid, B R Hardle, D R Pringle, †M A
Garnham, N A Foster, T D Topley, J H
Childs did not bet.
BOWLING: Dilley 5-1-33-0; Newport 5-1-7-0; Curits 0.3-0-8-0. D F Dolphin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-78, 3-103, 4-281, 5-340, 8-351, 7-359, 8-368, 9-368. BOWLING: Lawrence 18.1-5-45-3; Barnes 28-8-80-0; Curren 27-4-80-3; Gravensy 23-11-44-2; Aligyne 10-2-42-1; Barnbridge 5-0-29-0; Lloyds 5-0-28-0.

Second Innings
Second Innings
W R James Ibw b Curren
C M Robertson c Tedstone b Lawrence
J P Brent not out
L P Butchert ruin out
E A Brenting out Brandes not out ...... Extras (b 3, lb 1, nb 1) . Total (3 wids)

1G A Briant, A H Sheh, A J Traicos, M F Jarvis and 0 F Dolphin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-36, 3-78, BOWLING: Lawrence 10.4-0-43-1; Currentle-2-42-1.

Umplies: J D Bond and R Julien

# LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Three days, however, was almost one too many for this match. It was played at high

speed throughout, runs coming at 62 per hour, and the bravery

of the 120-run stand for Worcestershire's ninth wicket proved that the pitch was not wholly to blame for their demise.

Qualification: 200 runs (avge 71.00) 243 237

Gatting in charge

MIKE Gatting, John Emburey and Neil Williams all return to the Middlesex team for the Britannic Assurance Championship match against Surrey at Lord's, starting today. Emburey was rested for the last game, against the New Zealanders, Gatting was allowed to give his strained achilles | 65 13 281 16 | 71.1 9 233 18 | 71.1 9 233 18 | 71.1 9 233 18 | 71.1 9 233 18 | 71.1 9 23 18 | 71.1 9 25 24 | 71.1 9 25 24 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 26 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9 25 25 | 71.1 9

tendon a chance to recover, and Neil Williams missed the match because of a bruised hip. Roland Butcher, Paul Weekes and Martin Thursfield will be omitted to make way for them. Angus Fraser is still troubled by the rib injury which kept him out of the last two Tests in the West Indies and he is due to see a specialis



# Stephenson's final burst earns slim victory in last over

When they were dismissed

left 45 still wanted from seven

overs. Humpage failed to beat

a return from Johnson at deep

backward square-leg; Reeve

holed out to deep mid-wicket.

Lloyd, who had not fielded

earlier because of a pulled

hamstring, batted with a run-

ner and it was Smith who

Smith, the man who clinched the NatWest Trophy

final last year with a six, hit

Hemmings for a massive six

over the pavilion stand before Warwickshire's last five wick-

ets tumbled. Lloyd was run

out when Asif Din, his runner,

failed to respond for a sharp

single; Small was caught be-

hind first ball in the same over

Stephenson next had Smith

caught at extra cover by

Robinson, who tumbled over

but came up with the ball. It

meant 15 were required from

the last two overs and this

shrank to seven from the last.

Donald on-drove Stephenson

for a single, and nothing was

scored from the next before

Stephenson unleashed yorkers

Benjamin and Munton.

shatter the stumps of

The Nottinghamshire in-

nings before lunch continued

looked more assertive.

three): Nottinghamshire Warwickshire were back on (24pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by five runs. in successive overs, though, it

FRANKLYN Stephenson took the last two Warwickshire wickets with successive yorkers to bring Nottinghamshire a dramatic victory yesterday with two balls to spare. Nottinghamshire's success enabled them to depose Warwickshire at the top of the Britannic Assurance championship table.

EDGBASTON (final day of

Warwickshire, who were left to make 304 from 65 overs, seemed to have an exciting win in their grasp right through the closing stages. They still needed 27 from five overs with five wickets in hand before the balance began to tilt towards their opponents. As the climax cards that an unprecedented tie - with four identical innings totals - might occur.

By tea, Warwickshire were 99 for one but afterwards Asif Din and Kallicharran began to spurt. Din misjudged Hemmings's flight but Humpage and Kallicharran had reduced the target to 121 when the last hour began. In the first of the final 20 overs. though, Kallicaharran lifted a catch to long-off.

Hemmings and Stephenson shared the attack and with five and six men, respectively, scoring was never easy. Humpage, who was dropped at one off Cooper in the played several crisp strokes to covers, outscored Reeve as

Taunton and belied Derbushire

rush to a 146-run victory over

Assurance county champ-

innings with 11.1 overs to spare.

His hostile performance re-moved three of Somerset's three

kev hatsmen: Cook and Tavaré

went cheaply as they slumped to

25 for three, and then he claimed the wicket of Hardy for

a gallant 91 — his best champ-ionship score since 1988 — in his

ionship yesterday.

they put on 68 in 11 overs, and rather meandered and wickets kept falling.

> In addition to Lloyd, Donald was unable to take part because of a calf strain and Reeve also could not bowl due to a groin strain. Small gained an important success in his second over when he had Robinson leg-before. Johnson went on to complete an attractive fifty before he lost impetus. He had hit 10 fours when he lifted a drive against Munton to deep extra cover.

Second Innings
B C Broad c Reeve b Benjamin
D J R Martindale title to Munton
"R T Robinson tow b Small
P Johnson c Benjamin b Munton
D W Randell low b Benjamin
M Saxetby c Astf Din b Smith
F D Steoherson c Moles b Smith F D Stephenson c Moles b Smith \_ 18 N French not out \_\_\_\_\_ : Hemmings not out ..... Extras (10 5, w 2, nb 2) .

K F Conner and R A Pirk did not bet n. c. ucoper and R. A. Pick did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-54, 3-135, 4-176, 5-195, 6-197, 7-217. BOWLING: Smell 12-1-39-1; Menton 18-3-57-2; Donald 3-0-5-0; Smith 17-1-78-2; Benjamin 18-1-55-2; Asif Din 2-0-15-0.

the rather featureless pattern set in Monday's play. Johnson filled the Humpage role and BOW/LING: Pick 11-0-56-1; Cooper 16-3-43-1; Stephenson 14.4-2-69-3; Hemmings

Tottenham Hotspur FC. The

company has just started work on refurbishing a stand at

Arsenal's Highbury ground.

Meanwhile, the company has

issued a High Court writ against

the original sub-contractors on

the Lord's project, Byrne Brothers, claiming almost £1 million for alleged non-fulfilment of

their contract. Solicitors for

Byrne Brothers said yesterday

claim were served at the end of

that a defence and counter

Nicholas all clear

MARK Nicholas, the Hamp-

shire captain who dropped out of his side's match with Surrey

this week, troubled by the

effects of malaria, has been

cleared to resume playing after

a visit to the hospital for tropical diseases in London.

# Reticence request over Lord's stands

record time" a new stand for

THE chairman of the company Somerset, moving them into third place in the Britannic lays in the work. lm took four for 88, his

season's best, in dismissing the home side, who had been set 366 to win, for 219 in their second and the employer [MCC]."
The stands, at the Nursery

End of the ground, were originally due to be finished by April 30, but, according to the latest estimates, the earliest they may be partly open for use is July 28, with a completion date of early

cond spell. Earlier, Morris completed 109 from 159 nine balls with a six and 18 fours, his second century Taunton this month, while Krikken made a career best 77 not out.

Surrey held on to draw at the Oval after their opponents, Hampshire, were were given a scent of victory by Chris Smith, who made 84, and Gower (69). Chasing 329 to win with 24/2 hours plus 20 overs remaining, the Hampshire second-wicket pair put on 158, but four wickets fell cheapty and Hampshire

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LECESTERSHIRE: 447 DERETISHIRE: 460 HAMPSHIRE: 420 GLOCOESTERSHIRE: 47.

# Malcolm shows fine form DEVON Malcolm, the England fast bowler, rediscovered his

lding the Compton and Edrich stands at Lord's has written to the secretary of MCC, Lieutenant-Colonel John Ste-phenson, asking the club to refrain from making further comments to the Press about

In his letter, John Lelliott, chairman of the John Lelliott Group, claims that there has been a breach of confidentiality in matters "which are entirely of a contractual nature between us

Lelliott points out that his company has considerable ex-perience in building sports stadiums, and completed "in

Second Innings

OTHER SCOREBOARDS **Somerset v Derbys** Surrey v Hampshire TAUNTON (final day of three): Derbyshire (21pts) beet Somerset (5) by 146 runs DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 372 for 9 dec (JE Morris 122, KJ Barnett 94, CJ Adams

Second Innings
J E Morris b Harden
C J Adems c Burns b Rose ....
B Roberts Ibw b Rosbuck ....
†K M Kridken not out ....
A P Kulper c Hayhurst b Cook ...
A E Warner Ibw b Cook
O H Mortansen not out .... Total (6 wkts dec) nett and D E Malcolm did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-81, 3-178, 4-201, 5-204, 6-249, BOWLING: Jones 4-0-26-0; Rose 5-1-24-1; Lefsbure 3-1-5-0; Swellow 20-4-51-1; Roebuck 12-3-23-1; Harden 16-2-60-1; Tavaré 5-0-43-0; Cook 5-0-25-2; Burns 0.3-0-8-0. SOMERSET: First landings 272 for 4 dec (A N Hayhurst 90, R J Harden 69 not out, C J Tavaré 64).

Tavará 64).

Second Innings
S J Cook e Adarra b Malcohn
J J E Herdy c sub b Malcohn
A N Hayhurst Bw b Mortensen
C J Tavará c Kuiper b Malcohn
I J Herden c Monersen b Warne
M Roebuck Rw b Miller
M D Burne c Kuiper b Bernett
I D Rose c Kritken b Malcohn
P Laferbyre at Kritken b Miller
S Swellow Ibw b Miller
N Jones not out FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-7, 3-25, 4-118, 5-138, 6-153, 7-174, 8-201, 9-211.

BOWLING: Mortansen 7-0-25-1; Malcolm 17-4-88-4; Miller 23.5-6-57-3; Warner 9-1-

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thomestt.

Total (5 with dec) ...

M D Marshell not out ...... T C Middleson b Mediycott .... Extras (5 6, 15 1, w 1) ... Total (5 wids) \_

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey (Spts) drew with Hampshire (5) (Spis) draw with miniparate pay SURREY: First inmings 374 for 5 dec (D M Ward 129 not out, G S Clinton 73). Second Immigs
A J Stewart not out
G S Climbo retired hurt
M A Lynch c Gower b Shine
G P Thorpe Ibw b Maru
1D M Ward b Tumer
'I A Greig c Maru b Tumer
K T Medlycott c Parks b Maru
A Estibut not cut

M P Bioknet, A J Murphy and D J Bickneti did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-111, 3-154, 4-BOWLING: Marshall 7-1-14-0; Shine 9-0-55-1; Connor 5-0-13-0; Maru 21-5-47-2; Turner 14-3-4-60-2; C.L. Smith 1-0-9-0.

R J Meru, C A Connor, I J Turner and K J Shine did not bet.

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Happy hunting: Morris hits his second hundred of the match as Derbyshire beat Somerset yesterday. His 109 was Morris's fourth century at Taunton this month

# Essex relish their chance to put the record straight

WORCESTER (final day of three): Essex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by 10 wickets SEVERAL hours later than had intransigent towards change. Doug Insole, the Essex chairsaid yesterday that the club is not against four-day cricket, if the authorities can come up with a suitable pro-gramme. That, certainly, is the wish of Graham Gooch, who seemed likely, but still with great relish and certainty, Essex completed a notable victory over the team who narrowly out-stayed them to win last has stated his view that four-day year's county championship.
On the face of it, this result indicates that the table will look cricket favours the better sides and encourages better tech-nique, if it can satisfy all other

very different this time around. The evidence, however, is purely circumstantial. Essex dictated this game from the start; Worcestershire bowled abysmally on day one, and batted diffidently on day two. They remain too good a side to make a habit of it.

Essex, however, do have that mean look about them, which usually accompanies a sequence of wins and a sideboard of of wins and a sideodard of trophies. They remain piqued that last year's title was effectively decided by a points deduction and, if Foster and Pringle can stay fit through a daunting quota of overs, they may put things right this year.

This was their first win of the season. It was also their first

season. It was also their first three-day fixture, a tradition They are, however, anxious to dispel the notion that they are Gooch, in purple form, made 42

they have fought to retain. Batting and fielding

Second Innings
V P Terry a Mediyaati b M P Bicknell ... 0
°C L Smith a Mediyaati b Murphy ...... 84
D I Gover c sub b M P Bicknell ..... 1
R A Smith a Feithern b M P Bicknell ..... 1

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-158, 3-161, 4-167, 5-187. BOWLING: M P Bicknett 16-5-95-3; Mur-phy 12-155-1; Medycott 20-3-84-1; Fel-them 8-0-31-0; Lynch 3-0-12-0.

ever more a No. 5 than a No. 9, again missed his maiden century by a whisker, driving a

return-catch to give Pringle his eighth wicket of the game, and departing in plain distress.

4 for 87).

Second Innings

T S Curds Dw b Foster
M J Weston c Gooch b Foster
P A Neels c Hardle b Pringle
IT Botham Dw b Pringle
B D'Oliveira c Stephenson b Pringle
S R Lempst c Stephenson b Foster
R K tilingworth c Gooch b Topley
P J Newport c and b Pringle
N V Radford Dw b Pringle
G R Dilley c Gamham b Foster
IS J Rhodes not out
Extres (b 4, rb 3)
Total Finally, Dilley, after his highest score for the county, fended a Foster bouncer to Garnham. Then Newport, entering the ninetiesfor the second time in successive games and looking FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-19, 3-21, 4 26, 5-32, 6-68, 7-66, 8-82, 9-202.

himself, including four consec-

utive fours from a dispirited

Dilley. Worcestershire suffered

their first defeat in 11 champ-

ionship games on the stroke of

ESSEX: First Innings 447 for 4 dec (M E Waugh 186 not out, G A Gooch 121, B R Hardle 59).

Second Innings

WORCESTERSHIPE: First innings 273 (R K Illingworth 86, i T Bothem 53; T D Topley 4 for 87).

BOWLING: Foster 23-5-64-4: Pringle 24.1-5-65-5; Topley 8-1-44-1; Childs 8-6-9-0; Waugh 3-0-21-0; Stephenson 3-1-10-

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golden hue for an expectant Wales WALES have been forced to them some early experience. make one change to the team The season in Namibia is only for today's opening game of two months old, but in the

their six-match tour of Namibia. Keiron Gregory, the booker, has withdrawn with a hamstring injury, and Kevin Phillips, the tour captain, steps in to the role. Ring, the centre, retains the

captaincy, since he was the original selection. Gregory's injury is not thought to be serious, and he will now rest for a day or so. Phillips's inclusion brings to

five the contingent of international players in the team. Ring, Bateman - the other centre - and Ford, the right winger, are the capped players among the backs. Both Phillipses, Kevin and the flanker, Rowland, are the ones among the forwards.

Ron Waldron, the coach, has selected all the young "I tend not to relate to local players in the squad to give dialogue with respect to their

Swakopmund area, where the match is being played, only two competitive games have taken place because of trials for Namibia's matches against Zimbabwe and Portugal The Welsh team manage-

Prospects assume a

ment will be happy with any sort of win, but they need a comfortable, if not com-prehensive, victory to ensure the tour starts on a high note and to boost confidence. This would also create more competition for places, and serve to keep the players on their

Waldron said: "We are going into the completely unknown. We have no idea of the strength of the opposition. The boys are looking forward

Romania face turning point against France

From CHRIS THAU, AUCH, FRANCE

Lukic transfer to

Leeds sets record

against France, in the Gascony capital of Auch tomorrow could be a turning point in the recent history of Romanian rugby. Romania have never won in France, and Romanian regulars home this commence would hope this game may provide them with a chance to make history on French soil.

"We must climb back to where we used to belong," Haralambie Dumitras, the Romanian captain, said. "This game is our chance." Theodor Radulescu, the coach, a former

Leeds United's most expensive

player when he completed his £1 million move from Arsenal. The goalkeeper, aged 29, signed a four-year contract on rejoining his former club after seven years

"It was an easy decision to

"I have fond memories of

Arsenal but that is history now.

I'm happy to be a Leeds player and, hopefully, we can emulate

some of the success Arsenal have had during the last four

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds

manager, had mixed feelings about the record fee. "I feel

embarrassed about paying £1

million because it is a lot of money," he said. "But that is the

market price at the moment and

a successful team.
"At 29, John is coming up to

policemen will control Europe's most troublesome followers during the initial matches of the World Cup here in June.

English and Dutch support-ers, who have the worst reput-

ation in football-related violence, will gather in Sardinia for the match between their national teams in Group F of the world competition on June

England, the seeded team in

the group, will play two other matches, against Ireland and Egypt, at Cagliari's Sant'Elia stadium.

stantim.

Anti-riot policemen will be also on duty aboard ferries commuting daily between the ports of Genoa, Alghero, Olbia

make because the manager and directors at Leeds have aspira-tions to make this club success-

nians the edge up front against the powerful French scrum. There is only one change from the team who beat Italy 16-9 last month. Marian Dumitru, of Rapid Bucharest, is expected to replace Gelu Ignat, of Steaua Bucharest, at full back.

England."
Wilkinson indicated that the

# **McEnroe** pulls out of Open

By ANDREW LONGMORE

Lukic deal was only the start of the club's extensive recruiting campaign. He was hoping to sign more players during the sum-mer in readiness for their return to the first division. AFTER weeks of speculation, John McEnroe has officially pulled out of the French Open, which starts next week. The organizers confirmed yesterday Cyril Knowles, the former England full back, has signed a that the American, who has not played a tournament for the last three months, had reported he two-year contract as mana was not "physically fit enough"

to play.
McEnroe has been troubled The former Darlington and Torquay United manager joined the club when they were bottom by a shoulder injury and has apped out of the world top 10 of the League in December, and then inspired a revival which took them clear of the relegation after missing the whole of the European clay court season. His withdrawal removes the threat of suspension from Wimbledon, which was hanging over him after his disqualification from the Australian Open in January.

McEnroe only has to incur another \$1,000 (£592) fine to Garry Gibson, the Hartlepool chairman, said: "We have signed the best manager in the lower divisions, and I am delighted." you have to compete in the market place.

"It is the right fee for a top goalkeeper, they are the basis of fears of crowd bring about his automatic suspension from the next Grand Slam tournament. His fitness is now the only doubt about his preparation for Wimbledon.

problems Instead, supporters will have the chance to pay Another American, Tim Mayotte, has withdrawn from the field, which will be considhis best five or six years as a tribute to their team at the start keeper. He will go on to help make Leeds a successful side, next season. erably enhanced by the prospective return of Miloslav Mecir, of Czechoslovakia, after injury. Devotees of doubles, mean-Italians begin placing while, will get their annual midpolice in Sardinia

winter reward at the Albert Hall, London, when teams from six countries, including Britain, will compete for the inaugural Inter-national Team Cup, from The £133,136 round-robin event replaces the Masters Doubles, held at the Albert Hall for

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP) —
The first contingent of a 3,200man anti-hooligan force arrived in the Sardinia island this week. Para-military carabinieri and policemen will control Europe's most troublesome followers friday, a ministry spokesman said. the past four years.

World Championship Tennis, the organizers, will finalise the • Gabriel Calderon, the Paris Saint-Germain forward, who was initially overlooked by Argentina for the World Capfinals, has been called up by the coach, Carlos Bilardo. Calderon names of the six teams in a few weeks, but the tournament director, Chris Walford, is con-fident he will be able to persuade the Masters champions, Patrick McEnroe and Jim Grabb, to return to the Albert Hall to represent the United States.

Other possible entries include the Davis Cup pairings of Henri Leconte and Guy Forget, from France, and Anders Jarryd and Lan Cauparrane from Statelen. replaces Jorge Valdano, who had trained hard to make a comeback for the World Cup after nearly three years' absence from the game, but was left out of the squad when the Ar-gentines flew to Israel on Mon-day for an international match. Jan Gunnarsson, from Sweden.
The six teams will play each
other once in a best-of-three set
group match, the top two teams Calderon, a versatile player who can operate in midfield or attack, said: "I never gave up

SPORT IN BRIEF

### **TENNIS**

would be wise enough to play

down their strengths. With

these dry grounds out here, we

might be able to do something quite a few of the players are

ball-hungry. If we win, it will be the start of the climb back,

Welsh rugby."

Overall, the Welsh side is an

inexperienced one, although

Ring, with 21, is the second

tour. "There's a good at-

mosphere in the camp and we

have had a lot of time to

prepare for this game," Ring, who captains his country for

the first time, said. It is important for us to gel to-

gether early on and get things off to a good start. If we win

and win well, it will be a great

boost, and it will make every-

one feel good. Having the first

crack at the whip gives us a

chance to show Ron what we

The match is being played at a country club some 10 miles inland from Swakop-

mund, on an oasis strip of a river bed. The pitch was not designed as a rugby field but a

grass nursery for the local gold

course. The surface is lush and springy, and will suit the

The Invitation XV is considered to be the weakest

opposition of the tour, but

they do have seven players who represented the former

South-West Africa region, and

two current Namibian inter-

nations. They should prove to

be an awkward first obstacle

Welsh players.

for Wales.

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

HAYDN Green, a forgotten man among professional golfers, sprang from nowhere to take a commanding lead in the PGA European Challenge, at Prince's by the Kent coast yesterday. With a 66, six under par, he had three shots to spare over Andrew Hare and David Curry, two former Waller Curry players. two former Walker Cup players, and Colin Gillies, the leading

"I think a lot of people will be surprised to know I'm playing again," Green said afterwards and well he might. An England amateur international in 1980, he turned professional in 1983 and slipped into oblivion after two unsuccessful attempts at the Volvo PGA European School. Green is 31, a tall and good-looking Yorkshireman, and it

was an obvious career move for him to go into sports promo-tion. Last year, however, he tried his luck again in this very tournament.
The immediate results were

discouraging. "I was terrible," he said, "and missed the cut with consummate ease." This year he has completed three Challenge Series tournaments (formally the Satellite Series),

glers and the golf course — a delightfully old-fashioned, natu-ral place, where command of the classic seaside bump-and-run

shot is likely to be of more use

than any yardage chart. Helen Dobson, the defending champion, from Seacroft, who

ATHLETICS

under par.

in two and missing the cut in the other. "I hope to make the cut tomorrow," he modestly confided last evening.

from the edge, all of 35 feet.

A third putt at the 6th caused He made a blistering start with birdies on the first four his only dropped shot, for when, for the only time, he missed the

Close attention: Pat Jennings (standing), the former Northern Ireland goalkeep

takes advice on the green from his professional partner, Kim Thomas, in the charity ATP pro-um golf event at Stoke Poges yesterday

Forgotten player's birdies

set blistering seaside pace

Shore holes. He holed a monster at the 1st and then settled down to conventional birdie putts.
Three from the back of the 6th was only a temporary setback, redeemed at the next with a over the nine holes of the Dunes consolidated his position.

Hare, in his first year as a after the turn. From par, he went

Hare, in his first year as a professional, was a member of last year's victorious team against the Americans. Curry played two years earlier at Sunningdale with a less memorable result.

In their different ways they both stand at crossroads, Hare woodering whether to concentrate on this Challenge Series rather than the full European Tour, for which he has limited qualifications, Curry almost despairing of finding any way ahead at all.

Hare must have realised it might be his day when he secured a birdie at the 1st (430

green at the 10th (457 yards) he chipped and putted for his par-

For Curry "professional golf has been a wilderness", so much

so that he has had misgivings

# **Dobson defiant at dry Rye**

YESTERDAY, in the suitably pastoral setting of Rye, they started the process of sorting the sheep from the goats in the first qualifying round of the shots at three successive holes sheep from the goats in the first qualifying round of the Girobank English women's championship. from the 6th.

championship.

This part of Sussex is well known for its sheep, its smug
of three birdies in five holes from the turn, and was a little peeved that she managed only pars at the 16th and 18th — par fives where she needed no more than a seven-iron for her second

Her score was matched by Alison Johns, her Lincolnshire knows a thing or two about coping with fast, hard-running courses, put up with shafts of pain in her left elbow to be one of the four leaders on 73, one sparring partner, who won the county championship for the second time this year, by Lora Fairclough, the Lancashire champion, and by Sara Robin-son, from Heswall, Cheshire.

Fiona Macdonaid, who knows the course well from her forays in the President's Putter, was in the group on 74 but confessed the conditions were

confessed the conditions were very different from those she usually encountered, from the back tees, in January.

"Very dry, Rye," Noel Coward might have commented on seeing the unseasonally brown condition of the course, and Macdonald, wearing shorts instead of her usual assortment of Putter woolies and waterproofs, was heading off down the road first stage race in this country, Putter woolies and waterproofs, was heading off down the road to Sissinghurst for inspiration. She is a landscape and garden designer as well as a golfer of note. As a child, she also kept sheep as pets but, at least on the record, has no sanugglers burking in the family tree.

Nottinghamshire, cyclist has her first stage race in this country, riding for Britain in the Wom-coveted £200,000 gold trophy. In addition, the fastest four boats will be invited to compete for a £1,000 prize, put up by circuit, followed an hour later by a 40-mile road race.

### HOCKEY

# Newcomers given opportunity to prove their worth

DAVID Faulkner, who has made 117 appearances for England, represents the hard core of experience in the Great Britain squad of 16 for the BMW Trophy seven-nation tournament in Amsterdam from June 16 to 24.

16 to 24.

The Havant goalkeeper, Rowlands, was ruled out by a shoulder injury, as was the Scottish goalkeeper, Pappin... Batchelor, too, has an injury problem, and among the other better known names missing are those of Poster Kerky Complex. those of Potter, Kerty, Grimley and Clift, all of whom have been given a well-earned rest. The vacancies thus created

The vacancies thus created leave room for five players — Luckes, the East Grinstead goal-keeper, Soma Singh, Laslett, Hacker, the only Welsh representative, and Williams — to make their first appearances. Apart from Faulkner, the squad includes three other members of the 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning team; Garcia, and the two Ulstermen, Kirkwood and Martin. With Halls, Bolland, Hill, Nicholas Thompson, Mayer and Robert Thompson all virtually automatic choices, there is enough matic choices, there is enough talent available to hold the side

Leiper was on holiday and missed the two training week-ends. Work prevented Hay from attending the second training period at Lilleshall, and Cox failed to appear because of a

The strongest opposition in Amsterdam is likely to be offered by the Netherlands, Australia and Pakistan. West Germany, Spain and India will, like Great Britain, probably allow scope for experimentation.

• Hounslow have named a full

hnal against Amsterdam in Frankfurt on Sunday, June 3. Their manager, Keith Rowe, said: "Morale is high, but it is hard to predict a one off final like this. I have not seen Amsterdam yet, but we've had them watched. They finished third in the Dutch League, which I regard the strongest in the world.

We're looking at this as the

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

# Devereux steps in as a replacement

IOHN Devereux, the former terday cleared to join the touring Wales and British Lions centre, party in a fortnight's time, was yesterday chosen as the replacement for the Hull Kingston Rovers wing, Anthony Sullivan, who has dropped out of the Great Britain tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand after pulling a hamstring in

will fly out to join the Great Britain party on Friday and arrives in Papua New Guinea on

going with Wales to Tonga in 1986, the World Cup in 1987 and New Zealand in 1988 before mer, and his knowledge will be welcome in a side with limited tour experience.
Joe Lydon, the Wigan back,

who has missed the opening part of the tour to have medical

Widnes wing, Martin Offiah, also expects to join the touring side for the New Zealand matches after a toe operation.

• PORT MORESBY, Paper Devereux, aged 25, plays both tentre and wing for Widnes. He New Guinea: One of the most effective and valuable players in Sunday.
It will be Devereux's fifth the Bradford Northern, has been flown to Australia for an opera-tion on his right knee to clean up

successive summer in the Southern Hemisphere, after the British Isles tour last sum-

an injury he has carried for the past two months (a Special Correspondent writes).
If all goes well, Skerrett will

rejoin the team in New Zealand, and be available to play again within three weeks. Neverthe-less, there will still be a lingering doubt over his fitness, until a full clearance has been given by the eminent Australian sports surgeon, Mervin Cross.

# CYCLING

# Convalle breaks to first win

TERAMO, Italy (AP) --FABRIZIO Convalle, of Italy, edged by a few seconds a group of second-rate cyclists yesserday to win the sixth stage of the Italian Tour in Teramo.

It was the first professional

victory for Convalle, a 25-year-old Tuscan, which he secured with a break a mile from the finish. He covered the 145-mile course from Sora to Teramo in 5hr 52min 11sec. Andrei Tchmile, of the Soviet

Union, took second, ahead of the veteran Frenchman, Gilbert

Duclos Lasalle.

Gianni Bugno, of Italy, who finished in the pack a minute behind the winner, retained the pink jersey of overall leader, which he contend in the first which he captured in the first stage on Friday.

Laurent Fignon, of France, the winner of last year's "Giro", suffered grazes and bruises in a spill but completed the race in the same time as Bugno

Nottinghamshire, cyclist has her first stage race in this country, riding for Britain in the Women's CRA international three-

# **POWERBOATING**

## Formula One back in Bristol FORMULA One powerboats

return to Bristol Docks on June 9 and 10 after an eight-year break when the Technophone British Grand Prix becomes part of the newly-created UIM Formula Company of the Prix British Company of This 10 and Prix British Company of the Prix British Company o of the newly-created UIM For-mula One world series. This 10-round world championship will take drivers to both Eastern and Western Europe, before climax-ing in Penang, in Malaysia, and Singapore in November. The future of this event was in jeopardy after the withdrawal of

but recently the promoters, Bristol City Council, signed a five-year sponsorship deal, which is worth £70,000 this year, with the Camberley-based cellular telephone manufacturer, Technophone.
The Duke of York Trophy

race will count towards the Formula One world series, and this 45-lap tour of the tortnous, walled dock circuit will be hard-fought between the current world champion and Duke of York-holder, Jonathan Jones, of Wales, and Don Johnston, of the United State the Living State of the Livi the United States, the winner of the first leg in Belgium. Drivers from all over Western

Europe will pit their skills against competitors from the Soviet Union, the United States,

### TEXACO CRICKETLINE **TEXACO TROPHY** ENGLAND V NEW ZEALAND





# Hazelwood Black appears back again

MIKE Hazelwood is returning to water skiing after a year of enforced retirement. Speaking from his home in Florida, Hazelwood told The Times that he has been given a clean bill of health and will be arriving in Britain tomorrow in order to compete at the Carlsberg Masters in Lincoln this weeke Before retiring last year at the age of 31, Hazelwood won three world, 19 European and 35 Masters titles and broke the world jump record three times. His incredible success was in spite of cracking his spine when

# **Belfry boost**

Brian Cash, chief executive of the Belfry, venue of the last two Ryder Cups staged in Europe, has announced that £500,000 is to be spent on spectator facilities in the hope that the Ryder Cup committee, meeting tomorrow at Wentworth, will choose the Calls charged at 25p per mixeds "charge" mix set
25p per simple at all other Seest. Harson HAI 255
COURSE for a third time.

Roger Black will make his first significant domestic appearance for nearly three years in the Pearl Assurance UK Championships at Cardiff on June 2-3. Black, aged 24, who won European and Commonwealth 400 metres titles in 1986, has had his corner intercrused by a serious career interrupted by a serious leg injury. Linford Christie, Steve Backley and Colin Jack-son will also compete.

contesting the final.

# Elliott to run

Peter Elliott, the Common-wealth 1500 metres champion, Mark Rowland, the Olympic steeplechase bronze medal winner, and Steve Crabb, the UK 1500m champion, will line up for a one-mile race at Battersca Park, London, on Sunday.

# Wattana offer

James Wattans, of Thailand, and Steve James, the Mercantile Credit Classic winner, have been invited to replace the relegated Cliff Thorburn and John Parrott in snooker's Stormseal Matchroom League next season.

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# SPORT

# Epic sealed in majestic style Benfica aiming to break the

Zealand ketch Steinlager 2 all the problems. majestically back into the Steinlager is the fourth Solent yesterday to win the yacht to suffer serious rig Whithread Round the World damage during this testing

masterful 36 hours. Running the gauntlet Running the gauntlet top spreader, a diagonal through an armada of over-shroud cost Lawrie Smith's eager well wishers that at British challenger, Rothmans, times threatened to ram the the lead, Salquote British 84ft red yacht, Blake's crew Defender was disamasted and crossed the line off Ocean on Sunday, the third-placed Village in Southampton Wat-Swiss maxi, Merit, suffered a er at 5.23pm, to win this final 3,300-mile stage from Fort Lauderdale by 36 minutes from their New Zealand rivals on Fisher & Paykel.

The previous night, the two yachts had been level until Grant Dalton and his crew fell victim to a hole in the wind off Plymouth, leaving Steinlager to ghost on through the still air to build up a five-mile lead by day-break.

This was Blake's sixth successive stage-win, but though he and his crew have dominated this 33,000-mile circumnavigation since leading the fleet out of the Solent last September, the jinx that has robbed him of overall honours during four previous circumnavigations came close to striking again just four days out from the Florida stop-

The skipper, aged 41, who lives at Emsworth, Hampshire, reported yesterday that they came close to being dismasted when the port chain plate holding the mizzen shoud and running backstay support to the yacht's main mast suddenly failed. Blake said: "There was a loud bang swaying like a piece of spaghetti." and the mizzen mast started

The situation was saved only by the split-second reactions of the crew, who threw the boat into a crash gybe to transfer the strain to the opposite rigging. Had they hesitated, the unsupported mainmast would have little to divide the first four plunged forward over the yachts. vachi and carried the mizzen

The crash gybe prevented this and the crew later managed to jury-rig a new fitting final stage up the English by taking a main engine bearer from beneath the engine and bolting it to the inside of the yacht to relieve the strain on the failed fitting. The damage forced the crew to be overforced the crew to be overwinds and winds and winds and winds and the failed fitting. The damage forced the crew to be overforced to be overforced the crew to be overforced t

resterday, the only cities to this drama were two supporting lines of red rope attached to the ends of Steinlager's mizzen spreaders and tied down to her deck, but judging by the relief in Blake's face as he finally crossed the finish line, he was pleased it was all

"This has been the hardest race because of the strength of competition." he said, after his exuberant crew had bathed

PETER Blake and his victori- him in beer. "This last leg was ous crew sailed their New not pleasant sailing because of

Yacht Race by an equally final leg. The Italian maxi, Gatorade, suffered a broken broken stay.

> Last night, Blake, whose driving ambition during the past 17 years has been to win the Whitbread race, and who is the only man to have competed in all five classics, was unsure whether he would now hang his sea boots up.

> Although he has been adamant throughout that this fifth Whitbread would be his last, when he was asked the inevitable question on arrival his answer was not quite so certain. "I'm going to take a year-long holiday, then decide whether to race again."

> Back in New Zealand, the celebrations began with a vengence after their yachts took first and second place overall. It is a remarkable achievement for such a small sailing nation.

> The race was won during the first leg, when a 50-knot gale off Cape Finnisterre decimated the fleet. Steinlager and Rothmans, which led at the time, ran off on opposite gybes, with Blake choosing to steer a course out into mid-Atlantic while Smith took the more direct route down the Portuguese coast.

> Steinlager went on to win the stage to Uruguay by more than 12 hours, leaving Rothmans to struggle in with a split deck and the Fisher & Paykel crew to cope with a broken mizzen mast. From that point on, there has been

> Last night Merit was expected to take third place overall, after pulling 50 miles ahead of Rothmans during the

Smith, GB), 78: 5, Behmont Finland (H Harkimo, Fin), 94; 6, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 95: 7, Fortuna (J Santana, Sp), 104; 8, Fazisi (Y Alexeev, USSR), 136: 9, UBF-Finland (L Ingvall, Fin), 185: 10, NCS Ireland (J English, Ire), 355; 11, Gatorade (J Herve, It), 356: 12, Chreises Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 355: 13, Samuoite British Delender (Cdr C Wattions, GB), 783. Also: Liverpool Emerprise (B Salmon, GB), 400 (subject to brise correction). Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neith), 246. Division 3: 1, L'Espirit de Liberte (P Tabarly, Fr), 657; 2, Rucanox Sport (B Dubois, 596), 742; 3, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 748; 4, Schlussel von Brennen (H Muller-Rohllc, WG), 759; 5, La Poste (B Mate, Fr), 890. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 472: 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 1,161.

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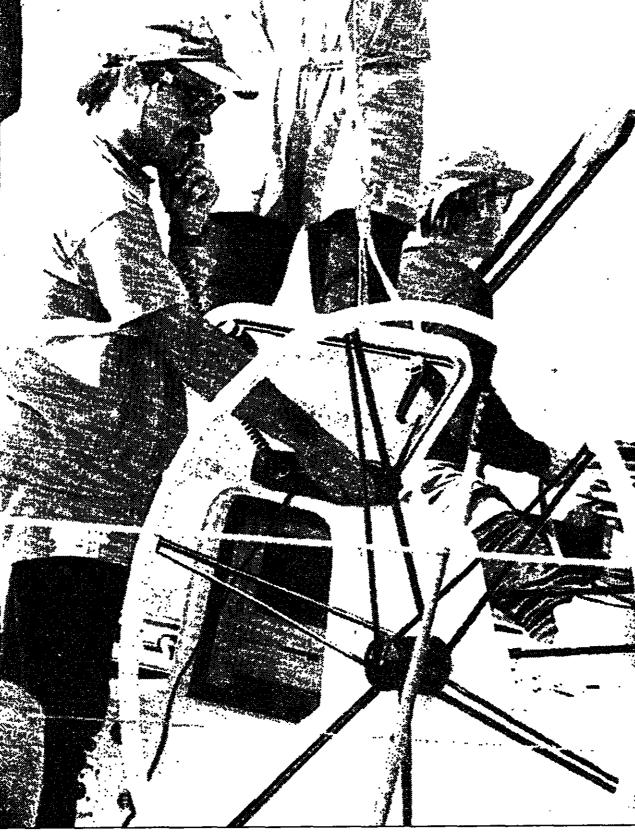
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Guiding hand of success: Blake stands at the helm as Steinlager 2 crosses the line off Southampton yesterday

# A calm welcome for Blake

THE Solent, which can be as perverse as any stretch of water, gave the New Zealand circumnavigators a following wind and a glorious spring welcome yesterday afternoon. An armada of a thousand surrounding pleasure craft, an echo of England's island history, turned the water into a foaming, frenzied milkshake as Peter Blake headed for the line and fulfilment of his life's

ambition.

We waited out beyond the Needles. And there, through the haze of the horizon, at last loomed the bloated, blood-red spinnaker of Steinlager 2 floating towards us as still as an airship; leader throughout this fifth Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race and now finishing in triumphant style, Her rival, Fisher & Paykel, was hard on her heels at the conclusion of the sixth leg, yet 1½ days behind on total elapsed time.

On a a calm day and in the lightest breeze. Blake's huge, serene lady glided along at between six and 10 knots. Her ure, Blake had sailed the numble crew, looking as fresh perfect race: no breakages, no in their emerald oilskin jackets as though they had set sail the day before, tacked down-miles than anyone living was and Knox-Johnson, will al-wind, seemingly oblivious of condensing everything he ways be there. Yesterday, out



necking motorists who crisscrossed their bow and created a disadvantageous wake.

As the Needles lighthouse came abreast, a greeting foghorn sent a tingle down the skin. Blake, clutching his tidal chart at the approach to this tricky stretch of England's coast, waved back in acknowledgement. Hurst Point slipped by to port, Yarmouth to starboard.

He had always crumbled in the past, had he? Well, not this time. Not even with that critical failure in the mizenmast rig which had threatened the boat only hours out of Fort Lauderdale. You could see now the jury rig of crimson halvards on the port side which had brought this beautiful boat across the Atlantic at

reduced speed. Until that moment of failthe ill-mannered, rubber- knew into this final effort, of a combination of curiosity,

And when the gear failure admiration and a sense of came, his crew had not failed history, the people of Hampwith it; an instant crash-gybe shire swarmed along the threw the boat on to the other shoreline and around the tack and averted a dismasting. docks to greet these men who

now as the sleepy Beaulieu river, where 45 years ago they assembled the floating invaarmada, the web of planes and helicopters overhead, grew with every half mile.

128 days on the longer, extended six-stage race, and after more than 100,000 miles in the previous races. Blake had been there at the beginning in 1973-74, and was second behind Pierre Felhmann in 1985-86. It had been a long haul.

It was the satisfaction that Tony Phillips was not to know, lost overboard from Creightons Naturally on the second leg and dead on recovery. Such other risks. Yet this unchanging challenge to man, and increasingly, to woman, from the days of da Gama and

He could afford to smile perform the stuff of dreams.

And it will go on Whitbread, who are reassessing their strategy for the sixth sion harbour pontoons, was race, beginning in the autumn left behind and the size of the of 1993, believe that publicity has helped them turn the commercial corner. Parties interested in staging the race Southampton Water was in are now coming to them, sight: after 33,000 miles and instead of they having to go cap in hand. Christchurch and Wellington are challenging Auckland to host the New Zealand stage.

The intriguing question is

whether an American port will again be thought necessary for inclusion; a diversion from the basic perception of navigating the globe "But we need to estimate whether visiting America achieved the commercial aims, and indeed. whether they are necessary to the race," John Anson. Whitbread's commercial manager of this sponsorship, said yesterday as he waited for crew changes. The man who Magellan, through Joshua Slo- the fleet to arrive. The has sailed more racing ocean cum down to Chichester, Rose probability must be that America will remain on the Whithread chart. Yet the success of the race seems assured.

worst of the first eight sessions

match, Leicestershire finally

came the closer to winning it.

Lancashire had been set a

target of 316 in what had

transpired to be 61 overs on a

batsmen's pitch, and it was

only their ambition that kept

Leicestershire's own hopes

# Milan masters

VIENNA (AFP) - Benfica, who reached the European Cup final by virtue of one of the most dubious of goals. tonight attempt to wreck AC Milan's ambitions of becoming the team of the Nineties.

The Portuguese club beat Marseilles, of France, in the semi-finals with a goal which even their Swedish coach, Sven Goran Eriksson, admits was illegal.

"It's correct; the goal was scored with a hand," Eriksson said. "But there could have been a penalty as a French defender was holding Vata back and preventing him from heading the ball."

Vata, the Angolan forward who claimed the goal, which even the Portuguese press described as being scored by "the hand of the devil", has refused to concede he handled.

"It came off my chest," he said. "If there had been any doubt, I would have waited for the referee to award the goal before celebrating."

Benfica were European champions twice in the Sixties and have lost another four finals. Two years ago, they lost to the Dutch favourites, PSV Eindhoven, on penalties after holding them to a goalless

"We are not here simply to make up the numbers," Eriksson said. "We feel we can win, especially as Milan are clearly not as strong a side this

Milan, of Italy, made a huge investment in foreign stars last year, and it paid off with a 4-0 win over Steaua Bucharest, of Romania, in a onesided European Cup final in Barcelona.

However, Ruud Gullit, their influential Dutch forward, has played in only two games since then, and they have already lost the Italian championship to Naples as well as the Italian Cup to

Tonight's match in the Prater Stadium represents their last chance to save the season and stamp their name on the decade.

Milan's two other European Cup victories came against Benfica. They won the 1963 and 1969 finals, both by 2-1. But their coach, Arrigo Sacchi, sees no significance in the facts. "This present team wants to write its own his-

He also refused to say whether Gullit would start the match. "We have learned to play without him this season, I haven't made up my mind." he said.

Gullit, however, is convinced he will play from th.) off. "I'm only 70 per cent fit but winning in football is first and foremost about mental toughness and I'm indestructible," he said.

The Dutchman signed a three-year multi-million dollar contract with the Italian club on Monday but Milan have had to rely on his two compatriots, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, plus the home-grown Roberto Donadoni, to get them to the

Sacchi rates Van Basten better than the Argentinian World Cup captain, Diego Maradona, and has turned down a \$7 million (about £4,150,000) offer from Real Madrid for Rijkaard.

But Donadoni's midfield skills will be missing tonight because of suspension. He was sent off for retaliation in the quarter-final win over Mechelen, after being subjected to a series of harsh challenges by the Belgian defenders. Daniele Massaro will probably start the game in his place.

Benfica have three of the Brazilian World Cup squad in their team — the defenders, Ricardo and Aldair, and the midfield player, Valdo.

Their two Swedes, Jonas Thern and Mats Magnusson, will also be on duty for their country in Italy. Magnusson is the leading

marksman in Portugal, with

33 goals this season, and has also scored four in the European Cup - the same as his team-mate, Vata. With Italians, Dutch,

Brazilians and Swedes, tonight's final has a distinctly World Cup feel about it. Milan will be hoping they

can complete an Italian clean sweep of European cups this season - Juventus won the UEFA Cup and Sampdoria the Cup Winners' Cup.

All Italy will be hoping a third success can act as a springboard for a home victory in the World Cup next month Anything else would be disaster for Milan and Silvio Berlusconi, the tycoon whose money bought success last year.

# tory," he said. New regime takes over Luton Town

LUTON Town was the subject of a £3 million takeover last night, which saw the property developers, Peter Nelkin, aged 43, and David Kohler, aged 31, gain a controlling interest in the

Nelkin relieves Roger Smith as chairman, who will remain as deputy chairman. David Evans, MP, leaves to concentrate on his political career.

The takeover comes at a time when Luton are looking for new finances, as they seek a move to a new stadium before their lease at Kenilworth Road expires in six

Jim Ryan, the Luton manager, who saw his side escape relegation by winning their final game of the season, has been assured of his position and will be offered a new contract in the near future.

"One of my main objectives will be to have a closer relationship between the club and the fans," Nelkin said. "We want to build a side yesterday.

which is capable of winning things by playing the right kind of football - the Ryan style."

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The club were close to a sale last year before Dennis Mortimer, the former chairman, backed out at the last minute. • There will be no change in the Scottish League set-up after the annual meeting in Glasgow yesterday.

East Fife dropped their proposal for three leagues of 10, 18, and 10 teams when it was obvious that they would: get little support. However, efforts for league reconstruction will be made next season for a 16-club first division and a 22-club second division.

• Ronnie Whelan, the Liverpool and Republic of Ireland midfield player, last night declared himself fit for the World Cup finals (Ian Ross writes). Whelan, who has had a broken bone in his right foot, was given permission to resume playing by a specialist

# Cricket cup which N Zealand is a first of its kind

From Ivo Tennant, st peter port, guernsey

INTERNATIONAL cricket tournaments are always colourful, but there has never been anything quite like this. wooden spoon and Belgium, At least, not in Guernsey. France, Greece, Luxumbourg, The occasion in question is

the inaugural European Cricketer Cup. a competition which reaches a final on Saturday which will be attended by the chairman of the International Cricket Council. Colin Cowdrey has seen some matches in his time, but even he is in for a new experience. The standard is, shall we say, interesting.

The event is the brainchild of Christopher Bazalgette. Through The Cricketer, he invited 12 European countries and islands to participate in the first festival of its kind. Only Italy and Jersey declined attend. Countries participating in the ICC Trophy this summer were not asked, hence ensuring there was no firm favourite.

Nevertheless, Guernsey themselves will probably win, with Austria collecting the France, Greece, Luxumbourg, Malta, Spain, Switzerland and West Germany finishing somewhere in-between. Each country is playing five matches of 30 overs-a-side. As one who has fallen for

their tactic of bringing on ouzo in the drinks intervals at the Esplanade ground in Corfu, I have long had an affection for Greek cricket. They have arrived here with little money and are staying in a scout hut, a strained stomach muscle.

There have been equally strange goings on here this admitted: "Martin is our best week. For instance, on Monday, the Germans were led by an Australian wearing trousers he came fairly close to making embossed with David Gow- the tour party anyway," er's signature, and the French included a middle-aged Englishman who hit the winning run for France against out with a thigh strain and MCC last year.

# call in substitute

NEW Zealand called up an untried fast bowler yesterday as injuries threatened their Texaco Trophy plans.

Chris Pringle, a 22-year-old Aucklander who has been playing in the Bradford League this summer, arrived at Headingley to watch his countrymen practise and was sent home for his kit.

A flurry of wickets brought Pringle, who played 11 games and took 26 wickets for from Leicestershire their first aggressive fields of the match, Auckland last winter, seems but DeFreitas and Hughes certain to play in today's oneday international if Martin Snedden fails a fitness test on Bob Cunis, the coach.

one-day bowler. But it's handy that Chris was around because Meanwhile, Shane Thomson, the all-rounder, and John Bracewell, the off-spinner are

batted 14 overs to ensure Lancashire's safety.

Mendis and Fowler began the chase with vigour. The 50 came up in only the tenth over, by when Leicestershire had already resorted to defence.

Lewis and Willey calmed things down and only 28 runs had been added when Fowler was bowled by the off spinner in the 23rd over of the innings. At tea, the target had fractured finger respectively,

# Leicestershire come closest By SIMON WILDE

of three): Lancashire (6pts) drew with Leicestershire (3) DESPITE having had the Fairbrother entered to transof this Britannic Assurance form the equation.

His first three scoring strokes were consecutive shots for six, four and four off Willey, and he followed up with an exquisite square cut and a ruthless pull for boundaries against Mullaily . In 12 overs, 70 runs were added and a Lancashire victory began to look increasingly likely.

Their challenged disintegrated within three overs. Mendis gave a wide return catch to Agnew, Jesty had his stumps splayed by Lewis, and Fairbrother was caught at long-on. Fairbrother had made 46 from 40 balls, and his dismissal ended Lancashire's thoughts of victory;

Earlier, Leicestershire batted until four overs after lunch. Briers and Whitaker, the overnight pair, extended

OLD TRAFFORD (final day stretched to 230 in 36 overs their partnership to an unbut Lancashire remained in- beaten 180. Whitaker scored terested. Atherton fell to a 107 not out, his first champcatch at square leg, but ionship century of the season.

> LEICESTERSMRE: First Innings 938 (T J Boon 84, W K M Benlamin 65, L Potter 55; M A Atherton 4 for 89). Second innings
> T.J. Boom run out

> Extras (b 2, 1b 5, nb 4) ... Total (1 wirt dec) 229
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> P Willey, L Potter, C C Lewis, M I Gidley, W K M Benjamin, P A Nixon, J P Agnew and A D Mullaily did not bat. FALL OF WICKET: 1-49.
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> BOWLING: Patierson 6-2-27-0; Defreits: 7-0-23-0; Mertin 5-0-17-0; Fitton 24-4-54-0; Atherion 15-3-55-0; Hughes 13-1-46-0; Ampliesments: Emiliary 15-0-1-46-0. LANCASHIRE: First limitings 250 for 1 dec (G Fowler 115 not out, G D Mendis 113).

G Fower 115 not out, G b Mendis 11
Second Innings
G D Mendis c and b Agnaw
G Fowler b Willey
M A Atherton c Briers b Willey
N H Fewtrother c Mullelly b Agnaw
T E Jesty b Lewis
T A J DeFreits not out
TW K Hegg c and b Lewis
D P Hughes c sub b Potter
J D Fitton not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-88, 3-158, 4-159, 5-163, 6-167, 7-189, BOWLING: Lewis 17-8-20-2; Agreew 11-1-43-2; Mailay 17-1-51-0; Willey 11-1-54-2; Potter 4-4-3-8-1. Umpires: R Paimer and B Hessan.

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